



SAFETY MONDAY

October 22, 2012

Spotters/Traffic Directors

Because spotters and traffic directors direct traffic at transfer stations, recycling facilities and landfills, they can be particularly vulnerable to being struck by a truck or heavy equipment operating at the site. To reduce this hazard, disposal facility operators should make sure that:

- All personnel are trained on the safe operation of vehicles/equipment
- High visibility safety vests/clothing should be worn by everyone
- All personnel are aware of blind spots on vehicles/equipment
- Operators and drivers use extreme caution while backing
- Clean windshield to improve visibility

Some companies establish safe zones to protect these employees from vehicle traffic using jersey barriers or elevated platforms.

A spotter/traffic director was killed earlier this year at a California recycling facility. She was a wife, mother and grandmother who is missed by her family, friends and co-workers.



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