

## ***SHE Bulletin SB/307***

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### **1 Tonne Dumper truck Incident in North London Gas Alliance**

On 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 a loaded 1 tonne forward tipping dumper truck overturned on site. The driver was temporarily trapped beneath the roll over protection bar. Although the driver sustained fractured ribs and injuries to his face, which required him to be detained in hospital, the injuries could have been much worse. The investigation is ongoing, but early indications are that whilst the vehicle drove forwards the offside wheel mounted the spoil heap, which raised the machine on this side by 12"– 15" causing the machine to topple on to its left hand side. There have been a number of similar incidents on the Alliances during the last few years.

A full investigation is underway, which may result in further recommendations, but in the meantime please remember:

#### **Safe Driver**

- Only authorised operators e.g. CPCS, EUSR or an equivalent plant operators certification
- Operators must be familiar with their vehicles capabilities as stipulated by the manufacturer incl. speed/use on gradients

#### **Safe machine**

- Safety items such as roll over protection and seatbelts must be fitted, in good condition and used at all times.
- All vehicles used on the road must be taxed and insured.
- When exiting the vehicle ensure that the vehicle is immobilised by removing the keys



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