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SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR ASPHALT MIX TRUCKS BACKING-UP TO PAVER: SAFETY ITEM

PURPOSE:

To prevent injuries, by prescribing equipment, personnel and procedures when trucks back-up to load pavers.

BACKGROUND:

In the recent past, a Ministry Project Manager and a contractor foreman were fatally injured on separate accidents, when struck by a dump truck backing up to a paver. Similar fatal accidents have occurred throughout Canada. They are generally considered preventable.

PROCEDURE:

The following items shall be included in the Special Provisions for all contracts involving paving operations:

1. When in the vicinity of an operating paver, workers/inspectors shall stand in full view of the paver operator, clear of side arms and screed and never in front of the machine hopper.
2. Each truck shall be equipped with a beeper which will sound whenever the truck is backing up. The beeper shall be clearly audible 5 to 6 metres from the back of the truck.
3. A dump/truck traffic person shall be provided. This individual's principle duty shall be to ensure safe conditions and then to signal and direct trucks backing into/pulling away from the paver.

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