SAFETY BULLETIN

Ford F-750 Dump Truck Operation

Pre-Use Activities

★ Review and understand information provided in the dump truck operator's manual with particular attention given to descriptions of safety procedures.

★ Inspect the dump truck, including the head and tail lights, horn, rearview mirrors, tires, air brakes (if equipped) and fluid levels.

★ If any dump truck equipment fails the pre-use inspection, notify your supervisor and remove the truck from service by attaching a red tag that states "DO NOT USE." Complete red tag with appropriate information.



Operating Precautions

★ When entering or exiting the cab of a dump truck, always use the handhold and steps.

★ Know the locations of obstacles such as boulders, overhead electric lines, fences, and low tree limbs in areas where loading, hauling, and dumping are to occur.

★ Be aware of blind spots when backing a dump truck. Carefully adjust mirrors to maximize your field of view. As necessary, use a "spotter"to back a dump truck.

★ Know where other workers are located in the loading, hauling, and dumping areas.

★ Maintain awareness of the relationship between increasing braking distance as the dump load weight increases.

★ Dump box loads should be evenly distributed to enhance vehicle stability.

★ After the dump box is loaded and after dumping a load, perform a visual inspection of the dump box to ensure no material is located outside of the dump box. Material left on the tailgate area, bed sides or on top of the cab that could fall off during transport.

★ Engage the dump-box lockbars before performing maintenance or other tasks under a raised dump box.

★ Recognize surface areas hazardous to dumping, such as uneven and sloping surfaces or poorly compacted fill. Dumping loads while located on hazardous surface areas may result in vehicle tipovers.

★ Assure length of travel is reasonably level and compacted before spreading material by dumping from a moving truck.

★ Know whether the material being hauled is wet or damp and will it have a tendency to stick in the dump box as it is raised.

★ Prevent vehicle tipovers by deflating the air bags before raising the dump box. Obey all traffic signs,signals,and speed limits.