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ENGINEERING FIELD ACTIVITY NORTHEAST

Abstract of a Near Miss

01-03

Accident Type: Bob Cat

Injury: Property Damage to Contractors Bob Cat

Type of Work: Unloading Bob Cat from trailer

Equipment: Bob Cat skid Steer Loader

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCIDENT:

Subcontractor was off loading a Bobcat skid steer loader off a trailer when the loader tipped backward and rolled on to its roof. No injuries were sustained. The operator was secured within the ROPS by the safety bar that is integral with the machine. The operator admitted that the machines bucket/boom was raised too high to back down the trailer ramps and resulted in increasing the machines center of gravity causing the rollover. The trailer ramps did not appear to be at too sharp an angle.

DIRECT CAUSE:

- ◆ Bucket/boom was raised too high to clear the trailer ramps.

INDIRECT CAUSE:

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LESSONS LEARNED:

- ◆ Carry bucket/boom as low as possible to maintain low center of gravity when loading and unloading on trailers.
- ◆ Confirm safe machine operating angles using manufacturers data.

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