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**High Level of Injury from Loading Shovel Turnover….**

On the 21st June 2014 a loading shovel was carrying out housekeeping duties on and around a stockpile of recycled road planings. The driver had completed a number of activities on the ramp before proceeding back up the ramp to drop a load of material.

As he reached the top of the ramp the driver swung to the right to discharge the material out of the bucket (he was constructing edge protection which was not in place). The driver reported that at this point the machine seemed to feel unstable and was rocking. As the driver tried to lower the bucket the machine tipped over on to its right hand side coming to a rest on the top of the stock of recycled asphalt material. The driver was not injured as he was wearing is safety belt.



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**Key Learnings**

Please consider HS18 (FPE12): Stability of Slopes, Stockpiles, tips, lagoons and quarry excavations – Appendix 9 Value Added Businesses.

A thorough investigation has been completed to identify the root cause of this incident to ensure that it can never happen again. As a result of this incident all operations shall review their work practices in the following areas:

* Change management – better knowledge, understanding and more specific training of building and maintaining ramped up material stockpiles as this is not an area regularly addressed within the asphalt divisio9n.
* Review Workplace Transport FPE 3 (HS03) for edge protection and ramp building
* More robust inspection regime as per HS18 (FPE12), where applicable.

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* Adequate training for the design and management of large stockpiles as per the standard
* Large Asphalt Stockpiles to be checked immediately for compliance with HS18 (FPE 12) on stockpile building and bund management.

PLEASE CHECK AND ENSURE THIS CANNOT HAPPEN IN YOUR COMPANY!