

## **Fatal Alert**

On October 13 2016, a cemetery caretaker was conducting maintenance on a dump box truck that was used to transport dirt from the excavations of graves. The caretaker had his coworker raise the dump box in the air so he could access a hydraulic hose better. The caretaker leaned over the truck frame on the passenger's side of the truck. As he began to make adjustments to hose fittings to tighten the hydraulic hose, he actually loosened the fitting and the dump box lowered onto his upper back, due to a reduction in pressure in the hose, causing the worker to asphyxiate.

### **Significant factors**

- No blocking or cribbing was used to support the dump box in case it lowered.
- The employee was not trained in energy isolation.
- The employer had no energy isolation policy.

### **Recommendations**

- Employer should evaluate the need for an energy control program including procedures and employee training.
- Employer should evaluate the need for a more robust hazard recognition training with the employees involvement.