

# Construction Company Fined \$50,000 for Excavator Incident



A construction company was hired to demolish a building. A worker who'd just been hired by the company the day before was assigned to help load dump trucks with debris. An excavator was used to lift debris and place it in the open-box bed of a dump truck. The worker, who was acting as a spotter for the operator of the excavator, remained in the box while debris was being loaded. He was struck by the moving bucket attached to the excavator and seriously injured. The MOL investigation found that the worker wasn't visible to the excavator operator. The company pleaded guilty to violating the *Construction Projects Regulation* and was fined \$50,000 [Sean Teperman Consulting Corp., Govt. News Release, Aug. 11, 2016].