Prime Contractor Fined \$100,000 for Forestry Worker's Death



A forestry worker was killed when the log loader he was walking past swung, pinning him between the loader counterbalance and the cut slope next to the road. The victim wasn't wearing high-visibility apparel or PPE, and WorkSafeBC inspectors determined that the operation was poorly planned and didn't protect workers from the risk of swinging loads. So, it hit the prime contractor with a \$100,000 administrative monetary penalty [A. Groenhuysen Mechanical Ltd.].