Operating in a Landfill

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TOPIC: You will rarely find downtime in a landfill, keeping your machine in safe working condition is critical. Being safe while operating in a landfill is important to you and everyone around you. Here are some tips to help you keep your machine and operations running safe:

Machine Safety

- Always perform a walk-around before and after your shift, as well as anytime you are off the machine
- Pull any debris from the frame
- Check fluid levels
- Wipe all windows (inside and out) and mirrors
- Be sure you have a clean working environment inside the cab
- Always fasten your seatbelt
- Check all controls, systems, and alarms to make sure they are working correctly
- Be sure you allow your machine to warm up and cool down properly
- Always lockout the machine before any work is preformed
- Always report any problems you may notice to your supervisor

Operate Safely

- Read and understand your machines Operation and Maintenance Manual
- Always look behind you before you move in reverse
- Know how fast you and other operators are traveling
- Always keep plenty of space between yourself and other machines, as well as people
- Avoid operating your machine in other people's blind spot
- Be aware of changing conditions, e.g. fog, rain, and dust
- Be aware of your working environment
- Know your swing radius and stopping distance
- Watch for materials that can be potential projectiles and avoid running them over
- Always ground buckets and blades and set the parking brake before exiting your machine
- Always maintain three points of contact and never jump off when exiting your machine

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