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Tool Box Safety Talks #21 Weekending 5-25-07 Entering and Leaving the Work Area

ENTERING AND LEAVING THE WORK AREA

When you are entering the work area or leaving the work area, you are required to stop and wait until the traffic is clear and it is safe to enter the roadway. Be patient and allow the vehicles to clear and do not put yourself into a situation where you could get hit if your vehicle failed to perform as you anticipated. Rely on safety instead of the performance of the vehicle.

Entering and leaving the work area can mean many things, depending on the job and situation.

If you are in traffic and intend to enter the work area, give the signal of your intent to turn and if the traffic is close behind you, slow down slower to avoid placing the traffic behind you in a panic situation. Remember, all too often we enter the area where there is no road or driveway and the driver behind you may think that you forgot to turn your turn indicator off.

When crossing from one work area to the other, you are doing both, leaving the work area and entering the work area. Allow yourself plenty of time, let the traffic clear. If traffic is too heavy to safely cross, you need traffic control such as a flagger. If you assign one of your passengers as a flagger, make sure that person has the correct reflective and recognizable equipment.

If you are driving inside a lane closure, you will often find that you are allowed to drive against the traffic. Do this in the safest manner possible. Remember the side roads and intersections within this lane closure. If the intersection is closed, there will be Type III barricades informing the driving public that the road is closed. If the intersection is open, you will be leaving the work area and reentering the work area as you cross this intersection.

It is best to stop before leaving the work area and look both directions.

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR BLIND SPOTS

BEFORE ENTERING THE LANES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Safety Recommendations: _____

Job Specific Topics: _____

M.S.D.S Reviewed: _____

Attended By: _____

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