

## **Bradbury Stamm Construction – Safety Directive**

**Safety Directive # 009-02**

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### **BACKHOE OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

#### **Purpose**

Backhoe operators, loader operators, skid-steer loader (Bobcat) operators and excavator operators run dangerous machinery every day on Bradbury Stamm Jobsite. The hazards are threefold:

#### **Hazards**

1. These employees frequently drive around employees on foot digging, moving dirt, grading and generally reducing the amount of hand labor performed. Although Bradbury Stamm Construction has not had any accidents in the recent past involving these machines, several near misses have been observed on job sites
2. Operators also are the employees who construct excavations. Excavations are difficult to construct safely. Frequently employees working in excavations have little input into their design and shape. Operators have a tremendous amount of control over the excavations. Although the ultimate responsibility of safe excavations lies with the superintendent, the superintendents don't observe each foot of an excavation as it is constructed. OSHA inspections have a strong focus on excavation regulations.
3. 3. Underground Utilities are a big safety issue for Bradbury Stamm Construction. See Safety Directive #002. Operators of excavating equipment are typically held responsible for all damage to underground lines that have been correctly spotted unless laborers have cut a utility with a digging bar, pick or by driving a grade stake.

#### **Solution**

To control these hazards, the Safety Department and the supervising superintendent will issue the Equipment Operator Safety Passport to every employee who successfully completes training.

#### **Policy**

- All operators of excavation equipment will be trained through the Safety Department on safe excavator equipment operation.
- No operator may use excavation equipment until he/she has received an Equipment Operator Safety Passport.
- All superintendents and foremen supervising excavation equipment operators on their job sites are required to take the equipment operator training class.