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Lessons Learned

ACCIDENT: Struck by skid steer loader

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WHAT HAPPENED: While signaling operator of skid steer loader on the direction he needed to move. The operator while moving raised the bucket, pinning the employee's arm between the lift arm and handhold on loader.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- To close to skid steer loader.
- Operator raised the bucket before making sure everyone was clear.

RESULTS: Sprained arm

LESSONS LEARNED:

Reference- EM 385-1-1, USACE SAFETY & HEALTH Requirements Manual

- **Employees shall be alert to moving equipment.**
16.A.24 Personnel shall not work or pass under or ride in the buckets or booms of loaders in operation.
- **Operators shall be trained and qualified to operate equipment.**
16.A.04 Machinery and mechanized equipment shall be operated only by designated qualified personnel.