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Cris Arguelles
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Dear Mr Arguelles:

This is in response to your June 7, 1996 fax in which you ask what type of training is required for heavy equipment operators, and what type of equipment falls under the heavy equipment category. Also you ask what counts towards training leading to qualification of a person to operate heavy equipment.

Regardless of the equipment type, heavy equipment, earthmoving or a farm tractor the employer is required to see that the equipment operator is authorized and qualified by training and experience to safely operate the equipment they will use. The employer is required to see that the employee is supervised and that the employee is operating and using the equipment in a safe manner.

A person is considered to be trained to operate any equipment when the employer can show through supervision and training records that the employee has had sufficient hands on experience to safely operate the equipment in question. An important aspect of the training would be OR-OSHA's and manufacturer's requirements for the equipment's safe operation.

The employer may do the training or have others do it.

If we can be of further assistance to you please call Jerry Hoard or myself.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Schuster, Manager
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