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## **Discussion points:**

- If a machine tower roller or large self-propelled roller/ compactor is to be used, all pedestrian workers must be kept clear of the operation.
- Erect barriers and warning notices where appropriate to exclude pedestrian access.
- Banks-men must be utilized to control vehicles and other workers, but they should not put themselves at risk by getting too close to reversing plant or barriers.
- In some situations it may be preferable for the dozer/ excavator/ compactor operator to signal to the lorry drivers from the safety of the machines' cab. If this is acceptable it must be agreed prior to commencement of the works.
- Lorry drivers must get out of their cab expert to release the tailgate.
- If possible, use lorries/dump trucks with self-releasing tailgates.
- Do not spread or roll materials parallel to a batter.
- Dozers and rollers should work at right angles to the batter and facing the batter (some self propelled rollers allow better visibility to the operator when working in reverse)
- Rollers should stop 1.5 m back from the edge of the batter.
- If a pedestrian roller is to be used in conjunction with a dozer/traxcavator, establish a strict pattern for tipping, spreading and rolling.
- Always plan for the lorries and spreading plant to be as far from the roller as possible.
- The roller operator must stay alert at all times.
- All pedestrian workers must wear high visibility clothing
- The bitumen painting of the structure and the placing of the drainage blocks/media must only be carried out when the plant is as far away from the structure as possible. It may be possible to program this work to be done when the plant is standing i.e. during the operator's meal breaks.
- All operatives must be certificated to operate the plant they are to use.
- Operators must not switch from one type of plant to another without authorization.
- If there is need for mobile plant to return to a fill area for repair or alterations, ensure that pedestrians are restricted from the operation.

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