

# SAFETY ALERT

*The below information has been issued on behalf of the EFFC to make others aware of the potential risks and possible precautions to take in order to avoid these.*



**Date/Time of Incident:**

02/03/2021

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**Type of Incident:**

Fatal accident.

**Nature of Incident/Injury:**

Death of operator.

**Details of Incident:**

On the road construction site, during a passing of bulldozer CAT D6N crossing the plough field on the border of the construction site on the start work place direction, a crawler dozer operator of a subcontractor company, drove into the floodplain with an accumulated meltwater. It was over the dozen a centimeters long of ice on the Surface, in some place the floodplain the ice cover was partly thaws. The machine was almost completely submerged under water. Thanks to a signal light on the dozer, one of the workers noticed the machine was submerged. The actions of taken to lift the cabin from under the water and set operator free was immediately. Unfortunately, the rescue operation wasn't restore a life of dozer operator. The site of floodplain was visible, The operator was 62, he was experienced employee. On this construction site he worked since 2,5 months. He worked on draining the area on a daily basis, so he known this area, location, boundaries and depth of the floodplain. On this moment we don't know reasons of the operator demeanor. We don't rule out internal causes too. The machine was operational.



**Root cause (if known):**

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**Action Taken,  
Lessons Learnt:**

Clear marking of hazardous places – full of water floodplain, drainage tanks, which could be a big or unknow depth, unrecognized subsoil, steep walls. Familiarizing employees with a dangerous places, determination the communications roads for daily morning meeting before start the work.