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Subject: Tow-Behind Equipment or Trailers

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PROCEDURE: Tow-Behind Equipment or Trailers

INTENDED AUDIENCE: LNR personnel with access to Tow-Behind Equipment/Trailer

PURPOSE: To train LNR person on maintaining Tow-Behind Equipment/Trailer

before and after arriving at assigned work area.

- **I. Knowledge** Before operating the equipment, the employee must be familiar with the Operations Equipment Manual (OEM) for the equipment being used.
- **II. Safety** At a minimum, follow the safety requirements listed in the OEM for the equipment being used. It is the employee's responsibility to determine if added Personal Protective Equipment is needed and therefore must consult with their Supervisor prior to starting the task.
- **III. Proper Outcome** Insuring that Tow-Behind Equipment/Trailer is safe to operate before, during and after the scheduled work day.
- IV. Pre Steps of Tow-Behind Equipment/Trailer
 - a. Check to ensure that the Tow-Behind Equipment/Trailer is properly attached to appropriate vehicle.
 - b. Check tires for wear and air pressure.

Note: Low or under inflated tires are to be filled or repaired by the LNR Maintenance Shop.

c. Check all lights, if equipped, for proper operation.

Note: If tow behind equipment is not functioning properly, notify the LNR maintenance shop. If equipment malfunctions at a work site, notify supervision. LNR maintenance will be dispatched to the work location to make on-site repairs or tow the equipment back to the compound for more extensive repairs

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Note: If mechanical failure is encountered during tow behind operation, LNR Maintenance Team will be dispatched to the location to make repairs. If repairs cannot be made on site, equipment will be towed to shop and Supervisor will assign alternate equipment for use. Supervisor will be notified by the LNR shop when repairs are complete.

After operation of Tow-Behind Equipment or Trailer

- a. Check for any equipment damage that may have occurred during work day. If damage is noticed, notify supervisor.
- b. Clean debris off/in tows behind equipment or trailer.
- c. Return tow-behind equipment or trailer to the staging area.