SOP (WATER TRUCK)

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TASK	Water Truck					
	Flying debris		Heat / cold		Electricity	
HAZARDS	Cuts / laceration		Dust		Rollover	\boxtimes
	Pinch / crush	\boxtimes	Noise / vibration	\boxtimes	Plant interaction	\boxtimes
	High pressure		Other:		Chemical	
PPE REQUIRED						

PRE-START CHECKS

- 1. Conduct all pre-start checks as per manufacturer's guidelines.
- 2. Check the spray heads and nozzles to ensure they are clear and operational.
- 3. Verify that hoses, pumps, and valves are free of damage, are properly connected and in working order.
- 4. Confirm that the cabin's gauges and control systems are working correctly.
- 5. Check that all safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers and warning triangles, are present and in working order.
- 6. Adjust the driver's seat and mirrors for comfort and ensure you have clear visibility.

SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

- 1. Ensure personnel are competent and authorised.
- 2. Ensure personnel are fit for duty and not impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- 3. Do not use a mobile phone while operating and always wear your seatbelt.
- 4. Start the truck and let it idle to check for unusual engine noises or warning lights.
- 5. Drive to road conditions, obeying all traffic laws.
- 6. Ensure appropriate allowances are made when the tank is full as the shifting weight can significantly affect handling and braking distances.
- 7. Operate at a safe speed and maintain exclusion zones around people, powerlines, and other hazards (use spotters if necessary).
- 8. Do not spray on or near people or animals.
- 9. Operate the water distribution controls smoothly to avoid sudden weight shifts that may lead to loss of control or vehicle rollover.
- 10. Beware of uneven or sloping ground.

POST-OPERATION PROCEDURE

- 1. Shut down water pump system. Ensure spray heads and nozzles are turned off.
- 2. Inspect the truck again for any new signs of wear or damage, particularly checking the spray system for clogs or debris.
- 3. Log any mechanical issues observed during the day's operation, and report these to the maintenance team or supervisor.
- 4. Clean out any debris from the water tank's filters and screens.
- 5. Park the truck in the designated area and ensure the vehicle is properly secured.
- 6. Turn off the ignition, remove the keys, and lock the doors.
- 7. Complete any necessary documentation such as logs for water used, distance covered, and any incidents that may have occurred.