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INFORMATION RELEASE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT ON DELTA RESULTS IN MAN'S DEATH

11/26/13

On Monday 11-25-13, just after 1 p.m., the Solano County Sheriff's Office was contacted regarding a construction excavator that had fallen off a barge in an area of the delta just south of Rio Vista near S 160 and 3 mile slough. The Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard (Rio Vista) responded to the area and found the excavator under water with the operator trapped in the equipment.

Personnel from Rio Vista Fire, Montezuma Fire, and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Dive Team responded to the location and began efforts to locate and free the operator from the submerged excavator. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Dive Team later located the operator who was pronounced deceased at the scene. The deceased operator was identified as 49 year old Richard Wayne Alexander from Pittsburg, California.

Cal OSHA is conducting an investigation into the incident.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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