

Oceanport employee dies after driving off pier in Claymont

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An employee at Oceanport LLC in Claymont died Thursday morning after driving a front-end loader off an elevated pier, according to state police.

Police don't yet know why the 62-year-old man drove the machine into the water around 10 a.m., but he was pronounced dead after being recovered by emergency personnel. His name is being withheld pending the notification of his family, police said.

His body is with the state Division of Forensic Science so an autopsy can be performed, police said. Police said more details will be released when the investigation has ended.

Oceanport LLC is a privately owned deep water marine terminal on the Delaware River.

