

# Adjust Techniques to Meet Changing Conditions

**Lighting Changes** – Twilight is the time when your eyes might become more tired and difficult to focus. It could be more difficult to see the terrain and to judge distances. Set up temporary lighting where possible and go slowly.

**Weather Conditions** – Rain, sleet, snow, wind and humidity can all affect both your loader and the materials you are working with. Additional moisture from any source will change the composition of the materials, possibly making them heavier and slippery. This means you will not be able to lift or haul as much and you will need to adjust the quantities you are dealing with in each load.

**Changing Work Conditions** – As more materials are moved around or removed from a site the work conditions may change. Materials that you are working with can change throughout a project. As you excavate deeper or move onto other stages of the civil construction project such as landscaping or preparing road base you will be working with different materials, attachments and personnel.

**Ground Conditions** - Skid steer loaders are relatively easy to tip over because of their short wheel-base. Always keep to safe driving speeds for the conditions and terrain. Keep clear of holes or soft ground areas. Be careful when driving along the high side of a trench as it could cave in.