

## Successful Rescue

Robbie Gunderson was rescued at the Hi-Crush sand mine near Whitehall, Wisconsin when the bulldozer he was operating went into the holding pond and became submerged under several feet of water. As the rescue efforts began, some 10 million gallons of water were released from the pond to lower its level the company statement said. Officials at Hi-Crush said Gunderson was underwater for **2½ hours** before he was rescued.

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### **DNR investigating release of 10M gallons of water from sand mine holding pond**

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is looking into the impact of the release of millions of gallons of water from a holding pond during the rescue of a man Monday morning.

In a statement from Hi-Crush, a worker from Gerke Excavating operating a bulldozer became submerged in holding pond at the Hi-Crush LLC industrial sand mining facility near Whitehall shortly before 8 a.m. The man was inside an air-tight compartment which limited the amount of water coming into the compartment.

The man was later identified as Robbie Gunderson.

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Our sister station, WQOW News 18, said officials at Hi-Crush said Gunderson was underwater for two-and-a-half hours before he was rescued.

The company said he went to a local hospital as a precaution.