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### **Injured dredge operator is awarded \$2.46M**

A U.S. District Court jury in Philadelphia yesterday awarded \$2.46 million in damages to a dredge operator who sustained neck and arm injuries in a workplace accident.

Richard Carpenter, 37, of Suldersville, Md., who was an employee of Mobile Dredging and Pumping Co., in Chester, Delaware County, earning about \$75,000 a year, may never work again, said his attorney, Steven Lafferty.

The attorney said Lafferty was permanently disabled in an accident at a New Jersey marina on March 31, 1999. The 10-member civil jury found his employer was negligent.