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I am a graduate student at ODU in my first semester of a Risk Assessment course. This article prompted me to look up the most common causes of all automobile accidents. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration list the leading cause of death on the highway as distracted drivers. Some say that this country has subconsciously acquired acceptance of certain risks of distracted drivers such as talking on cell phones while driving, texting while driving, and aggressive driving. Data on these risks are few. Questions about whether these behaviors have been incorporated into truck drivers own working environment could add to the data. Since their working environment consists of interactions with other drivers, I wonder if truck drivers feel the growing number of distracted/aggressive drivers around them has any impact on their working environment. Have NIOSH done any research on the risk factors that distracted drivers pose to truck driver safety?