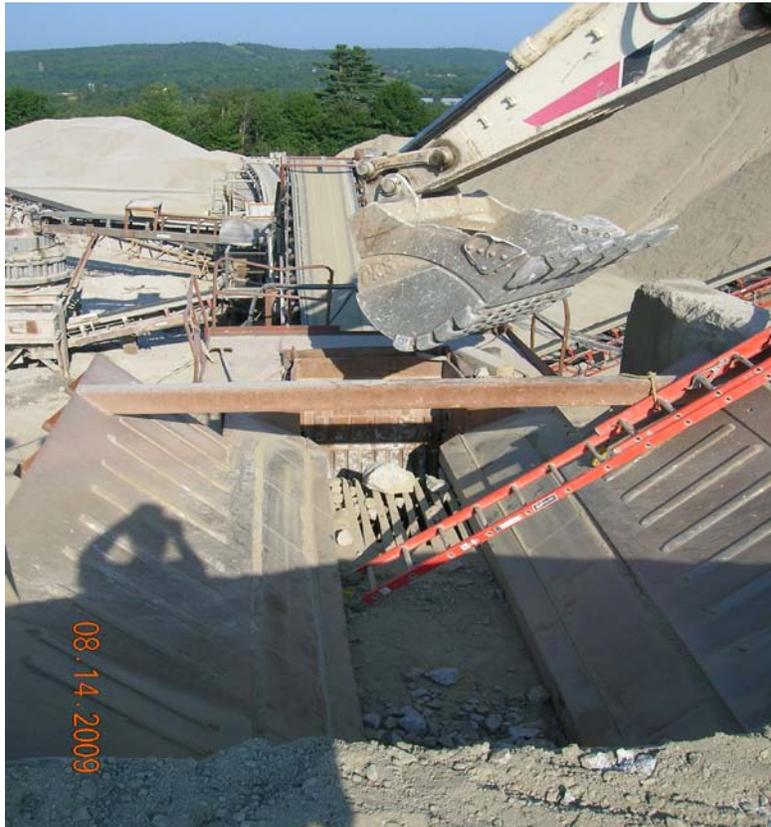


Metal/Nonmetal Northeast District

Maintenance Accident

On August 14, 2009 a 49 year old foreman with 12 years experience was injured while attempting to dislodge a large piece of steel that was caught in the primary jaw crusher. An excavator and chain were being used to dislodge the steel. When the excavator operator applied upward pressure, the steel flew out of the jaw striking the victim. The foreman complained of chest pain and was air-lifted to the hospital where he had surgery to repair his spleen.

The crusher was locked out and tagged at the time of the accident.



Best Practices

- SLAM (Stop, Look, Analyze, Manage) risks before performing tasks.
- Block equipment against motion before beginning work.
- Ensure that all persons are kept clear of affected area before commencing a lift or moving implements attached to mobile equipment.