



**Fatality #24 - August 21, 2003**  
**Deemed Chargeable 12/15/2003**  
**Machinery - AR - Sand & Gravel**  
**Hanson Aggregates West, Inc. - Delight Plant**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** -On August 21, 2003, a 45-year-old mechanic with 8 years 6 months mining experience was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. A crew of four miners was loading a conveyor onto a trailer utilizing a rubber tired crane. As the lift was being made, the crane became unstable and tipped on its side. The victim was struck by the conveyor as it fell to the ground.



### **Best Practices**

- Ensure equipment operators follow the operator's manual load chart and stabilizer setting procedures prior to making any lift.
- Ensure that the load is securely rigged prior to lifting or moving it.
- Ensure that personnel are positioned in a safe location prior to lifting the load.

This is the 24<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2003 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2002, there were 40 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 8th fatality classified as Machinery in 2003. There were 12 Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2002.