



Fatality #8 – April 16, 2004

Slip/Fall of Person - TX - Cement

Ash Grove Texas, LP - Ash Grove Texas, LP Plant & Quarry

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 16, 2004, a 74-year-old, customer truck driver with 50 years experience was fatally injured at a bulk loading facility at a cement operation. The victim had positioned his trailer and lowered the air powered access walkway, with enclosed handrails, to open a trailer hatch lid. The hatch lid caught on the handrails and prevented the walkway from retracting. He attempted to dislodge the hatch lid with a pry bar. During this task, the access walkway retracted and he fell 11 feet to the ground.



Best Practices

- Establish traffic patterns that ensure safe alignment of vehicles with access equipment.
- Establish operating procedures for customers to safely perform tasks.
- Post these procedures in a prominent place for customers to review.
- Train customers in the established procedures.
- Monitor customers to ensure that procedures are followed.
- Customers---Notify mine management when any problems are encountered with machinery or equipment

This is the 8th fatality reported in calendar year 2004 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2003, there were seven fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 4th fatality classified as Fall of Person in 2004. There were two Fall of Person fatalities in the same period in 2003.