



Fatality #10 – June 1, 2004
Machinery - MI - Construction Sand & Gravel
Mead Sand & Gravel - Mead Sand & Gravel

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On June 1, 2004, a 49-year-old superintendent with four years mining experience was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim was trapped in a dragline when it fell into a water filled pit.



Best Practices

- Ensure that only experienced and fully trained equipment operators operate equipment in potentially hazardous locations.
- Ensure that mobile equipment is positioned a safe distance from the edge of water before performing work.
- Ensure that the machine's track brakes are set before performing work.
- Require flotation devices be worn by persons operating mobile equipment in the vicinity of water.

This is the 10th fatality reported in calendar year 2004 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2003, there were eleven fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 4th fatality classified as Machinery in 2004. There were four fatalities classified as Machinery in the same period in 2003.