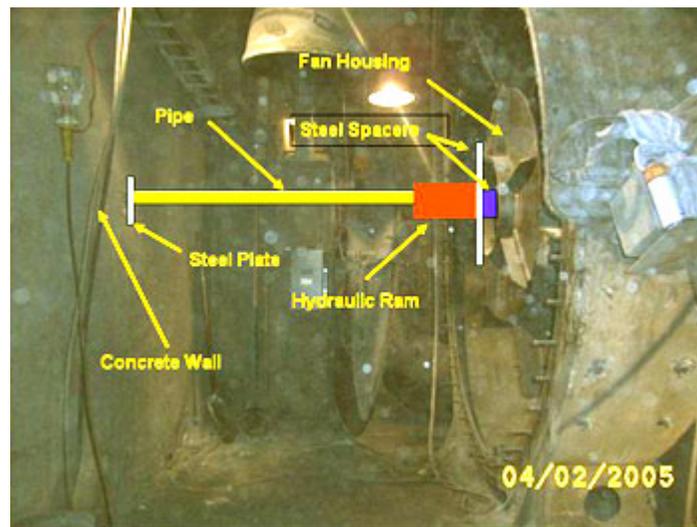




Fatality #7 – April 1, 2005
Machinery - VA - Lime
Chemical Lime Company - Kimballton Plant #1

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 1, 2005, a 50-year-old mechanic, with 30 years mining experience, was fatally injured on the surface of an underground lime operation. The victim and a co-worker were attempting to install a fan housing on a coal mill. They had positioned a steel pipe against a concrete wall to support an electrically-powered, hydraulic ram that was utilized to push the housing into position. During this process, the pipe became dislodged and struck the victim.



Best Practices

- Conduct a Risk Assessment before beginning a task, to evaluate the work procedures, identify all possible hazards, and ensure steps are taken to safely perform the task.
- Establish policies that ensure procedures are developed and followed to safely complete repair tasks.
- Ensure the proper equipment is utilized so that equipment components are blocked to prevent hazardous movement.
- Ensure that miners are not positioned in areas where they are exposed to hazards resulting from a sudden release of energy.

This is the 7th fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2004, there were 7 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3rd fatality classified as Machinery in 2005. There were three Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2004.