



Fatality #26 - September 27, 2005
Machinery - FL - Phosphate Rock
Mosaic Phosphates Company - Fort Green Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On September 27, 2005, a 60-year-old dozer operator, with 35 years mining experience, was fatally injured at a phosphate operation. The victim was operating a dozer at the edge of a pond and was pushing material to prepare the site for a pump when the ground underneath it fell. The dozer and the victim slid into the water.



Best Practices

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage, SLAM each task to identify all potential hazards. Initiate action to protect yourself when performing every task.
- Evaluate the stability of the ground prior to operating equipment near any drop off or edge.
- Use equipment (excavator) that can perform the work from a safe distance away from the edge of a pond where the stability of the ground may be unknown.
- Require that flotation devices be worn by persons performing work where there is a danger of falling in the water.
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This is the 26th fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2004, there were 19 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the eighth fatality classified as Machinery in 2005. There were five Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2004.