



**Fatality #14 – June 12, 2006**  
**Falling Material - Virginia - Sandstone (C&B)**  
**Rockbridge Stone Products Inc. - 01 Mine**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On June 12, 2006, a 39-year-old plant operator, with 14 months experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was starting to repair a hydraulic line on a front-end loader that was parked outside of the shop. He was underneath the raised boom, loosening a hydraulic connection, when the boom arms fell, pinning him against the frame.



**Best Practices**

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task to identify all potential hazards before performing maintenance work. Practice safe work habits during the entire task.
- Consult and follow the manufacturer's recommended safe work procedures for the maintenance task.
- Train miners in safe work procedures before beginning repairs.
- Securely block equipment against all hazardous motion at all times while performing maintenance work.
- Never travel or work under a raised loader bucket.
- Never loosen hydraulic hoses or components without first determining if they may be holding something up or trapping pressure.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 14 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Falling Material fatality in 2006. There were two Falling Material fatalities in the same period in 2005.