



Fatality #24 - November 10, 2006
Falling Material - Minnesota - Construction Sand and Gravel
Seppi Brothers Concrete Products Corp. - Jammer Lake Pit – Virginia

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On November 10, 2006, a 41 year-old equipment operator, with 4 years mining experience was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim and a co-worker were standing underneath the head pulley section of a conveyor preparing to attach a chain that was to be used to move the conveyor. The bolts connecting the conveyor truss sections in the conveyor's frame failed, causing the head pulley section to fall and strike the victim.



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.
- Train miners in safe work procedures before beginning repairs.
- Securely block equipment against all hazardous motion at all times while performing maintenance work.

This is the 24th fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 33 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 4th Falling Material fatality in 2006. There were 3 Falling Material fatalities in the same period in 2005.