

MNMF Fatal 2008-19

- Fall of Person Accident
- October 11, 2008 (Missouri)
- Cement Operation
- Cement Handler
- 67 years old
- 3 years experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when he fell through an open hatch on a barge while attempting to cover a dust collection hatch with a tarp. He landed on the barge floor 20 feet below.



Victim fell through
this hatch

Root Cause

A risk assessment was not conducted at the barge loading facility to identify all hazards to protect persons loading material on the tops of the barges. Management did not provide a fall protection system where persons were in danger of falling.

Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards to finish the job safely.
- Train all persons to recognize and understand safe job procedures before beginning work.
- Wear fall protection where there is a danger of falling.