



Fatality #1 - January 21, 2008
Slip/Fall of Person - California - Cement
Riverside Cement Co. - ORO Grande Quarry

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On January 21, a 58 year-old contractor truck driver with 3½ years experience was fatally injured at a cement operation. He was found on the ground behind the rear tires of a bulk cement truck that was located at a truck access rack. Truck drivers used this facility to access the hatches on the top of the trucks. Although there were no eyewitnesses, the victim's injuries were consistent with a fall from an elevated location.



Best Practices

- Discuss work procedures; identify all potential hazards; and ensure the job is done safely. (SLAM) Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage.
- Train all miners to recognize hazards from falling and ensure that safe work procedures are discussed and established.
- Ensure that persons wear fall protection where there is a danger of falling.
- Establish traffic patterns that ensure safe alignment of vehicles with access equipment.

This is the 1st fatality reported in calendar year 2008 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2007, there was 1 fatality reported in these industries. This is the 1st Fall of Person fatality in 2008. There were no Fall of Person fatalities in the same period in 2007.