



**Fatality #15 – September 1, 2008**  
**Slip/Fall of Person - Arizona - Copper Ore NEC**  
**Freeport-McMoRan Morenci Inc. - Freeport-McMoRan Morenci Inc.**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On September 1, 2008, a 67 year-old contractor consultant with 46 years experience was fatally injured at a copper mine. The victim had been instructing persons making a belt splice. He fell through a 4-foot by 6-foot opening 28 feet to the floor below.



**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.
- Protect openings near travelways through which persons may fall by installing railings, barriers, or covers.
- Keep temporary access opening covers or railings secured in place at all times when the opening is not being used.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2008 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2007, there were 23 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall of Person fatality in 2008. There were 3 Fall of Person fatalities in the same period in 2007.

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