



Fatality #2 - January 17, 2009

Falling/Sliding Material - Kentucky - Limestone (C&B)

Specialty Rock Products Inc. - Specialty Rock Products Incorporated

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On January 17, 2009, a 48 year-old mill operator with 22 weeks of experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone milling operation. The victim was loading material into a hopper with a front-end loader. He entered the hopper to dislodge frozen bridged material that would not feed onto the belt conveyor below. Coworkers found the victim engulfed in the hopper.



Best Practices

- Establish and review procedures to ensure all possible hazards have been identified and appropriate controls are in place to protect persons before beginning work.
- Train miners in safe work procedures and hazard recognition, specifically when clearing blocked hoppers.
- Lock out discharge operating controls.
- Ensure a safety harness properly secured to a lanyard is worn and a second person is positioned outside to adjust the lanyard.
- Management should routinely monitor these activities to ensure miners are protected from possible hazards.
- Provide vibrating shakers to maintain material flow or mechanical means of safely removing material if hoppers experience recurring flow problems.

This is the 2nd fatality reported in calendar year 2009 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2008, there were no fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 2nd Falling Material fatality in 2009. There were no Falling Material fatalities in the same period in 2008.

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