



Fatality #7 - May 24, 2010

Machinery - Oklahoma - Limestone, Crushed and Broken

U.S. Lime Company - St. Clair - U.S. Lime Company-St. Clair

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On May 24, 2010, a 61-year-old maintenance foreman with 32 years of experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim entered a vertical roller mill without locking out the electrical power switch. The mill was started with the victim in the mill.



Best Practices

- Always follow established lock-out and tag-out procedures.
- Never rely on others to place your lock on electrical power switches.
- Always post warning notices at the power switches.
- Never enter machinery without ensuring the energy source is locked out.
- Always test to ensure power is off after locking out.
- Maintain power switch lock out mechanisms to function properly.

This is the 7th fatality reported in calendar year 2010 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2009, there were 10 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 2nd Machinery fatality in 2010. There were 3 Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2009.

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