



**Fatality #2 - March 2, 2011**

**Falling/Sliding Material - North Carolina – Phosphate Rock  
PCS Phosphate Company Inc - Lee Creek Mine**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On March 2, 2011, a 51 year- old contract superintendent with 24 years of experience was killed at a phosphate rock operation. The victim was attempting to join two ends of 24-inch diameter pipe. Two excavators were being used to position the pipe in the saddle of a pipe fuser when the pipe slipped out and struck him.



**Best Practices**

- Establish safe work procedures and identify and remove hazards before beginning a task. Follow the equipment manufacturer's procedures for the work being performed to ensure that all hazards have been addressed.
- Train persons to recognize the hazards associated with performing a task.
- Repair broken or damaged equipment immediately.
- Block material against motion to assure energy cannot be released while the task is performed.
- Do not place yourself in a position that will expose you to hazards while performing a task.
- Monitor personnel routinely to determine that safe work procedures are followed.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2011 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2010, there were 2 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Falling Material fatality in 2011. There was 1 Falling Material fatality in the same period in 2010.

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