



Fatality #6 - June 4, 2011
Slip/Fall of Person - Alaska – Gold Ore
Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc . - Fort Knox Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On June 4, 2011, a 39 year-old mill operator with 1 year and 14 weeks of experience was killed at a surface gold operation. The victim was sweeping in a crusher building when he fell through an opening approximately 60 feet to the floor below. The cover for the opening was not secured in place.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards. Train all persons to recognize and understand safe job procedures before beginning work.
- Always use fall protection when working where a fall hazard exists.
- Protect openings near travelways through which persons may fall by installing railings, barriers, or covers.
- Keep temporary access opening covers secured in place at all times when the opening is not being used.
- Ensure that areas are barricaded or have warning signs posted at all approaches if hazards exist that are not immediately obvious.

This is the 6th fatality reported in calendar year 2011 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2010, there were 8 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st Fall of Person fatality in 2011. There were no Fall of Person fatalities in the same period in 2010.

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