



Fatality #21 - December 13, 2013

Falling/Sliding Material – Georgia - Construction Sand and Gravel

Brown Brothers Sand Company - Witched Stephen Plants

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On December 13, 2013, a 53-year old utility worker with 19 years of experience was killed at a sand mine. The victim was standing near the edge of a bank when it collapsed engulfing him.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures before beginning work. Identify and control all hazards associated with the work to be performed and the methods to properly protect persons.
- Task train all persons to recognize all potential hazardous conditions that can decrease bank or slope stability and ensure they understand safe job procedures for elimination of the hazards.
- Evaluate all pit, highwall, slope, and bank conditions daily. Be especially vigilant for these conditions after each rain, freeze, or thaw.
- Slope trenches back at a stable angle or install shoring when working in and around trenches.
- Correct hazardous conditions by working from a safe location.

This is the 21st fatality reported in calendar year 2013 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2012, there were 16 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 4th Falling/Sliding Material fatality in 2013. There were 2 Falling/Sliding Material fatalities in the same period in 2012.

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