



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On March 27, 2014, a 64-year-old foreman with 32 years of experience was seriously injured when he was struck by a section of plastic water pipe as it was being moved by an excavator. The victim was transported to a hospital where he died on March 30, 2014, as a result of his injuries.



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 and to understand safe job procedures for elimination of the hazards before beginning work.
- Wear suitable hard hats where falling objects may create a hazard.
- Stay clear of a suspended load.
- Attach taglines to loads that may require steadying or guidance while suspended.
- Implement measures to ensure persons are properly positioned and protected from hazards while performing a task.
- Monitor persons routinely to determine safe work procedures are followed.

This is the 4th fatality reported in calendar year 2014 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2013, there were 3 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 2nd Falling/Sliding Material fatality in 2014. There were 0 Falling/Sliding Material fatalities in the same period in 2013.

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