MNM Fatal 2015-8

Striking or Bumping
June 12, 2015(New Hampshire)
Construction Sand and Gravel
Service Mechanic
65 years old
42 years of experience

Overview

On June 12, 2015, Laurence D. Yeaton, a service mechanic employed by Southworth-Milton Inc., age 66, bumped his head on an unknown object while attempting repairs on a haul truck. A company official found him later that day in the company's boneyard, in an unresponsive state and he was transported by emergency medical services to a local hospital where he died the next day.





The investigators conducted a root cause analysis and no specific root cause was identified.

Best Practices

- Wear a hard hat to protect your head from injuries resulting from impact with other objects.
- Maintain proper lighting in work areas.
- Use the proper tools for the job.
- Discuss work procedures; identify all potential hazards; and ensure the job is done safely.
- Ensure that persons are trained, including task-training, to understand the hazards associated with the work being performed.