

MNM Fatal 2015-11

- Slip or Fall of Person
- May 18, 2015 (Missouri)
- Crushed & Broken Limestone
- Truck Driver
- 59 years old
- 32 years of experience

Overview

Gary Blackburn, Chemical Reclamation Services LLC., age 59, died May 29, 2015, after suffering a stroke and fall at the mine on May 18, 2015.

On the day of the accident, Blackburn was delivering alternate fuel to the mine site. After arriving, he backed his truck up to Bay #5 at the Alternate Fuels area. Blackburn then exited the cab of his truck, opened the back doors of the trailer, and fell from the second step, while attempting to re-enter the cab of the truck, hitting his head on the ground. The autopsy revealed that Blackburn died of intracranial hemorrhage with herniation.



Best Practices

- Always use the “Three Points of Contact” method. Ensure that either two hands and one foot, or one hand and two feet are in contact with the ladder at all times when mounting and dismounting equipment.
- Equipment should be designed to minimize the height of the first step from the ground and be provided with hand-holds to facilitate “Three Points of Contact”
- Keep hands free of any objects when mounting or dismounting equipment.
- Maintain traction by ensuring footwear is free of potential slipping hazards such as dirt, oil, and grease. Slip resistant material can be coated to existing foot holds and handrails.
- Always face equipment when mounting or dismounting it.
- Always maintain and use the access provided by the manufacturer.