

Preliminary Report of Accident

U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration



PR001 04/15/2020

1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury	2. Accident Classification 18 - Slip or Fall of Person	3. Date/Time of Accident 01/23/2020 2:00 PM	4. Date/Time of Death 01/26/2020 11:00 AM	5. Fatal Case No 6825681-1
6. Mine Information				
a) Mining Company Name: Lehigh Southwest Cement		b) Mine Name: Tehachapi Plant		
c) Parent of Mining Company: Heidelberg Cement AG				
7. Mine Location Information			8. Mine ID Number 04-00196	9. Union No
a) City Tehachapi		b) County Kern	c) State CA	
10. Primary Mineral Mined Hydraulic Cement		11. Number of Employees		
		a) Total 94	b) Underground	c) Open Pit/Quarry 18
			d) Mill/Prep Plant 76	e) Other
12. Contractor Name Limeguys Inc			13. Contractor Union	14. Contractor ID Number C0644
15. Contractor Address				
a) City Stockton		b) County	c) State CA	d) Zip Code 95206
16. Number of Contractor Employees				
a) Total 3		b) Underground	c) Open Pit/Quarry	d) Mill/Prep Plant 3
			e) Other	
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident		18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for		
a) Mine Employees 71		b) Contractor Employees 3		a) Mine Employees 0
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19. Accident Location 30 - Mill/Prep Plant				20. Mining Height 40 Feet Inches
21. Nonfatal Injuries 0	22. Fatal Injuries 1			

23. Victims Information

Timothy A Fortier						
a) First Name Timothy	a) MI A	a) Last Name Fortier	b) Age 71	c) Regular Job Title Truck Driver	d) Activity at Time of Accident Preparing to Load Truck	Employee Contractor Employee
24. Mining Experience						
a) Total Experience 46 Years 28 Weeks 2 Days		b) Experience at the Mine 0 Years 28 Weeks 2 Days		c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 46 Years 28 Weeks 2 Days		d) Experience with Contractor 0 Years 28 Weeks 2 Days
25. Autopsy Performed						
Yes		If Yes, Location Los Angeles County Coroner				

26. Mine Telephone No.
(925) 400-5322

27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations)
An over the road truck driver pulled under the south side of a safety rack to open the lids on his pneumatic trailer so it could be loaded. The driver apparently fell from atop the pneumatic trailer and was found unresponsive by two other truck drivers. The injured driver was taken to the hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. The driver passed away on 1/26/2020.
The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determination regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident.

28. Equipment Manufacturer		29. Model		
30. District M7000 - Vacaville District		32. Field Office M7831 - San Bernardino CA Field Office		33. Event Number 6825681
34. Accident Investigator				
First Name Bart	MI	Last Name Wrobel		
35. MSHA Person Notified				
First Name Randy	MI	Last Name Cardwell	Date/Time Notified 01/23/2020 2:09 PM	
36. Type of Report Initial	37. Name of Preparer Full Name Eric P Wiedeman		Date Prepared 01/24/2020	

38. Reason for Amendment