

# MNM Fatal 2016-01

- Falling, Rolling or Sliding Rock/Material
- February 26, 2016 (Texas)
- Sand and Gravel Mine
- Truck Driver
- 61 years old
- 12 years of experience

# Overview

Elvin T. Terrell, delivery truck driver, age 61, was fatally injured on February 26, 2016. Mr. Terrell was in the process of securing the tie down straps on the driver's side of his flatbed trailer when one 50-foot section of pipe rolled off the top and struck him.

The accident occurred because management's policies and controls were inadequate to ensure the unloading of the pipe from the truck was performed in a manner that did not create a hazard to persons.



# Best Practices

- Analyze all tasks, identify possible hazards prior and eliminate the risks prior to beginning work.
- Before beginning work, establish safe work procedures, train and discuss with all persons performing the task.
- Examine work areas during the shift for hazards that may be created as a result of the work being performed.
- Evaluate the stability of the material before unfastening a load. Pay particular attention to loads that may have shifted or become unstable during transport.
- Install secondary supports (side stakes) of adequate height and strength to prevent material from falling when the load is unfastened; or prior to unfastening the material, secure the item being unloaded to the machine used in the unloading process.
- Stand clear of items of massive weights having the potential of becoming off-balanced while being loaded or unloaded.
- Implement measures to ensure persons are properly positioned and protected from hazards while performing a task. Ground personnel should be highly visible. Unauthorized persons should be kept clear of the area