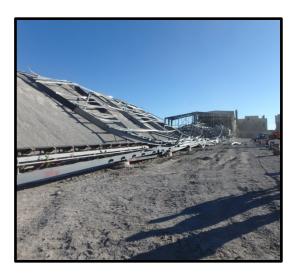
## METAL / NONMETAL Serious Accident Alert

**Plant – Cement** – More than 600 feet of a metal canopy structure collapsed unexpectedly at a cement plant operation, injuring three miners. The new structure was being erected to serve as shelter for stockpile material from weather conditions.



## **BEST PRACTICES**

- Always use fall protection where there is a hazard of falling.
- Consider using fall restraint devices to eliminate hazards of falling.
- Examine structures for indications of damaged or weakened structural elements.
- New structures should be designed and certified as appropriate by a registered professional engineer in accordance with local building codes and in conformance with accepted engineering practices.



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