

MNMM Fatal 2004-05

- Fall of Person Accident
- February 8, 2004 (Pennsylvania)
- Lime
- Contract Truck Driver
- 57 years old
- 19 years experience

Overview

- Victim was preparing to attach tractor to an enclosed bulk trailer parked in a staging area of a parking lot.
- Climbed on top the trailer and opened two of the hatches.
- Victim lost his balance and fell 12 feet to the ground.



Why Did Accident Occur?

- Mine operator had constructed a facility for truck drivers to open trailer hatches at the load out facility.
- Victim opened hatches in parking lot.
- Victim did not wear fall protection.

Top of Trailer Showing Hatches



Causal Factors

- Procedures in place to open and close the hatches on top of the trailer were not followed.
- Procedures were not closely monitored.
- No fall protection worn where there was a danger of falling.

Best Practices

- Wear fall protection where there is a danger of falling.
- Conduct a risk analysis before starting a task to identify hazards and implement measures to ensure persons are properly protected.
- Train all personnel to help them recognize and understand procedures to safely perform tasks.
- Monitor work tasks to reinforce safe procedures and obtain feedback from employees on the use of fall protection systems.