

MNMM Fatal 2007-26

- Handling Material Accident
- October 1, 2007 (New Hampshire)
- Crushed Stone Operation
- Front-end Loader Operator
- 57 years old
- 38 years experience

Overview

The victim was critically injured on October 1, 2007, when a return roller that was being installed on an overhead conveyor fell and struck him. He was hospitalized and died on October 4, 2007.



Root Cause

Management failed to perform a risk assessment of the maintenance task being performed. All hazards associated with the task of changing rollers were not removed to ensure that persons could safely perform the task. Management failed to barricade or post warning signs in the work area to prevent persons from walking or traveling under the belt conveyor.

Best Practices

- Review maintenance procedures to ensure all possible hazards have been identified and appropriate controls are in place to protect persons. Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task.
- Establish policies to ensure that barricades or warning signs are installed to prohibit access and protect persons from falling object hazards.