



**Fatality #23 - September 7, 2007**  
**Machinery - Puerto Rico - Limestone (C & B)**  
**Canarico Quarries Inc - Canarico Quarries**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On September 7, 2007, a 54 year-old supervisor with 27 years experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was operating a track loader to remove excess material from an access road. The machine traveled over an embankment and landed approximately 125 feet below.



**Best Practices**

- When operating machinery, wear a properly maintained and adjusted seat belt and ensure the seat and suspension are secured and adjusted.
- When working machinery close to an edge, always keep the bucket or blade between the operator and the edge.
- When working in tight areas or where drop offs exist, reduce the throttle setting, slow movement, and constantly monitor machine position.
- Operate equipment so that control is maintained.

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2006, there were 20 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Machinery fatality in 2007. There were 3 Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2006.

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