

# Metal and Nonmetal Accident Review January – August 3, 2015

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# Summary of Deaths

- 15 Fatafs January through August 3
- 5 Fatafs in past 30 days
- 3 Fatafs on August 3 alone
- Not seen 3 deaths in one day since 2002

# MNM Fatal Accidents – 2015

## Mine Type

- Underground Mines – 3
- Surface Mines – 12

# MNM Fatal Accidents – 2015

## Employee Type

- Mine Employees -10
- Contractors – 5

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## Classifications

- Falling/Sliding Material – 4
- Powered Haulage – 3
- Machinery – 3
- Fall of Roof or Back – 1
- Hoisting – 1
- Striking or Bumping – 1
- Slip or Fall of Person – 1
- Other (Asphyxiation) - 1

# MNM Fatal Accidents by State - 2015

- Nevada – 3
- Missouri - 2
- Virginia - 1
- California - 1
- Florida - 1
- Nebraska - 1
- Pennsylvania - 1
- New Hampshire - 1
- Massachusetts - 1
- Georgia - 1
- North Dakota - 1
- Ohio - 1

# Fatal Accidents By Commodity - 2015

- Sand & Gravel - 6
- Gold - 3
- Dimension Sandstone – 1
- Phosphate – 1
- Lead Ore – 1
- Cement – 1
- Common Sand – 1
- Kaolin – 1

# Fatal Accidents By Occupation - 2015

- Supervisor – 3
- Truck Driver – 4
- Heavy Equipment Operator – 3
- Miner/Laborer – 3
- Mechanic - 1
- Scaler – 1

On January 8, 2015, a 63-year old sales manager with 11 years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel mine. He was installing new screen panels in the B tower screen. The feeder box pivoted, pinning him between the box and the rear support beam of the screen deck.



On January 11, 2015, a 53-year old contract shaft miner with 35 years of experience was killed at an underground gold mine. The victim was positioned on a work platform on top of a skip traveling up the ventilation shaft. He struck a steel cross member on a beam in the shaft.



On January 21, 2015, a 54-year old miner (ground support) with 4 years of experience was killed at an underground lead mine. The victim was operating a mechanical scaler in an intersection when a roof fall (55 feet long x 20 feet wide x 6 feet thick) occurred, covering the machine.



On January 26, 2015, a 57-year old heavy equipment operator with 36 years of experience was seriously injured at a phosphate mine. He was operating an excavator near a water filled ditch when the excavator tipped forward and went in the water, submerging the cab. The victim was removed from the cab and transported to a hospital where he died later that day.



On March 17, 2015, a 44-year old haul truck driver with 4 days of experience was injured at a dredge operation. He was operating a loaded articulated haul truck along an elevated roadway next to a dredge pond. After traveling about 125 yards from the loading point, the haul truck drifted into the water. The victim was removed from the truck, transported to a hospital, and then transferred to a trauma center where he died on March 19, 2015.



On March 23, 2015, a 48-year old mine operator with 20 years of experience was killed at a dimension stone operation. The victim was operating a walk-behind masonry saw, positioned between the saw and a ledge, when he tripped and fell. The victim and the saw went over the 4½-foot ledge, resulting in the saw falling on him.



On May 18, 2015, a delivery driver arrived at the plant to deliver drums. After opening the trailer doors, the driver walked to the cab of his truck and proceeded to climb the steps to get back in the cab when he suddenly fell backwards onto the ground striking the back of his head.



On May 28, 2015, a 61-year old water truck operator with 2 years of experience was killed at a surface gold mine. The victim was killed when a water truck ran over a portable toilet that was occupied by the victim.



On June 12, 2015, a 66-year old contract service mechanic with 42 years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel surface mine. The victim reported to several witnesses that he had hit his head earlier in the shift and afterward was found unconscious. The victim was transported to the hospital where he died the next day.



On June 30, 2015, a 65-year old equipment operator with 19 years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel surface mine. The victim was operating a front-end loader removing material from a sand bank when material above fell and engulfed the machine , entering the operator's cab and asphyxiating the victim.



On July 15, 2015, a 25-year old contractor with 6 months of experience was killed at a Kaolin processing plant. The victim was working alone and entered a railcar to wash out residual product. The victim was later found unresponsive inside the railcar.



On July 10, 2015, a 50-year old Superintendent with 26 years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel dredge operation. Two miners were attempting to dislodge the clam shell bucket from the bottom of the pond when the dredge capsized. One miner was injured but was able to swim to shore and summon assistance. The victim was recovered eight days later.



On August 3, 2015, a 64-year old loader operator was engulfed by a stockpile failure while standing outside his loader.



On August 3, 2015, a 26-year old miner was struck by a jumbo drill that he was operating in an underground gold mine.



On August 3, 2015, a 18-year old truck driver (seasonal associate) went underneath a storage tank when the tank ruptured covering the miner with material.

