



Fatality #8 - April 16, 2003
Machinery - NM - Stone (C&B)
James Hamilton Construction Co. - Crusher #1

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 16, 2003, a 57-year-old oiler with 6 years mining experience was fatally injured at a surface stone mine. The victim was observed standing on a narrow platform installed over the opening of the jaw crusher that was still moving. He was attempting to free a hang up when he apparently contacted the moving crusher components causing multiple fractures to his leg. The victim was hospitalized and died on April 20, 2003.



Best Practices

- Discuss work procedures and identify all hazards associated with the work to be performed along with the methods to properly protect persons.
- Before working on or near equipment, ensure that the equipment power circuits are locked out/tagged out and that the equipment is blocked against hazardous motion.
- Require all personnel to be positioned to prevent them from being exposed to any hazards.
- Ensure the proper equipment is provided and personnel are trained in safe work procedures.

This is the eighth fatality reported in calendar year 2003 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2002, there were twelve fatalities reported in these industries. This is the third fatality classified as machinery in 2003. There were three machinery fatalities in the same period in 2002.