

MNMF Fatal 2007-13

- Machinery Accident
- June 13, 2007 (Missouri)
- Crushed Stone Operation
- Welder
- 45 years old
- 17 years experience

Overview

The victim was injured on June 13, 2007, when a suspended section of 42-inch diameter pipe shifted abruptly and struck him. He was hospitalized and died of his injuries on June 19, 2007.



Root Cause

The policies and procedures of the contractor were inadequate. They did not ensure that persons stayed clear of suspended loads while installing the pipe. No means of communication was established for all persons performing the task.

Best Practices

- Identify and review hazards associated with the task to be performed with all personnel involved.
- Securely block equipment against all hazardous motion at all times while performing work.
- Implement measures to ensure persons are properly positioned and protected from suspended loads.