

MNMM Fatal 2007-27

- Powered Haulage Accident
- October 22, 2007 (Arkansas)
- Granite Operation
- Car Man
- 22 years old
- 1½ years experience

Overview

The victim was seriously injured when he was struck by a yard locomotive while walking across a rail yard to disconnect several loaded rail cars. He was hospitalized and died of his injuries on October 24, 2007.



Causal Factors

- Management policies, standards, and controls were inadequate and failed to implement safe work procedures to ensure that persons could safely work near moving rail cars.
- Visual contact was not maintained between persons moving rail cars. The locomotive continued to move after the victim was no longer in sight. An audible warning was not sounded when persons were observed.

Best Practices

- Review 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.
- Stay in a safe location where you are not exposed to hazards when working near moving locomotives.
- Sound a warning when approaching persons.
- Use radios to communicate when visual contact can not be maintained.