

MNMM Fatal 2007-31

- Fall of Person Accident
- October 11, 2007 (Arizona)
- Copper Operation
- Water Truck Driver (Contractor)
- 66 years old
- 30 years experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when he fell from the water truck he was assigned to operate. He had stopped to wash the windows on the truck.



Causal Factor

There was no conclusive evidence to determine the cause of the accident. Although there were no witnesses, the victim's injuries were consistent with a fall from an elevated location. The victim was either standing on the truck's deck or ascending or descending the truck's ladder when he fell to the ground.

Best Practices

- Discuss work procedures; identify all possible hazards; and ensure steps are taken to safely perform the task. (SLAM) Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage.
- Train all miners to recognize hazards from falling and ensure that safe work procedures are discussed and established.
- Provide equipment operators with a method to transport items on or off mobile equipment without carrying them.