

MNMM Fatal 2007-32

- Fall of Person Accident
- December 14, 2007 (California)
- Lime Operation
- Truck Driver (Contractor)
- 43 years old
- 10 years experience

Overview

The victim was injured on December 14, 2007, when he fell from the top of a bulk trailer to the ground below. He was accessing a truck rack on top of his trailer to unlatch the lid so the trailer could be loaded with lime. He was hospitalized and died on January 22, 2008.



Root Cause

Management did not establish policies, procedures, or controls to ensure that truck drivers could safely access the lids on their bulk trailers. The truck rack used by the drivers would not remain in position to provide a safe means of access to the trailer top and lid. The truck rack was not maintained as recommended by the manufacturer.

Best Practices

- Discuss work procedures; identify all potential hazards; and ensure the job is done safely. (SLAM) Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage.
- Train all persons to recognize fall hazards and ensure that safe work procedures are discussed and established.
- Ensure that persons wear fall protection where there is a danger of falling.
- Provide self retracting lanyard mechanisms when workers are required to reposition themselves to perform tasks.
- Ensure that access racks are properly maintained.
- Establish traffic patterns that ensure safe alignment of vehicles with access racks.