



Fatality #10 - July 30, 2007

Slip or Fall of Person - Other - Alabama

Jim Walter Resources, Inc. - No. 3 Mine

COAL MINE FATALITY -On Monday, July 30, 2007, a 27-year old roofing contractor was fatally injured when he fell approximately 28 feet through the roof of a maintenance shop. The victim apparently either stepped on a fiberglass skylight, causing it to break, or fell through an opening adjacent to the skylight while removing old roof material.



Best Practices

- Use appropriate fall protection equipment when a falling hazard exists.
- Where possible, protect and guard all openings through which persons may fall.
- Keep work areas clear of all extraneous materials and other stumbling or slipping hazards.
- Perform thorough workplace examinations to identify hazards associated with the work to be performed.
- Establish and train personnel in safe work procedures for each job being performed.

This is the 10th fatality reported during calendar year 2007 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2006, there were 38 fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the first fatality classified as Slip/Fall of Person in 2007. At this time in 2006, there were no fatalities in this classification.

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