



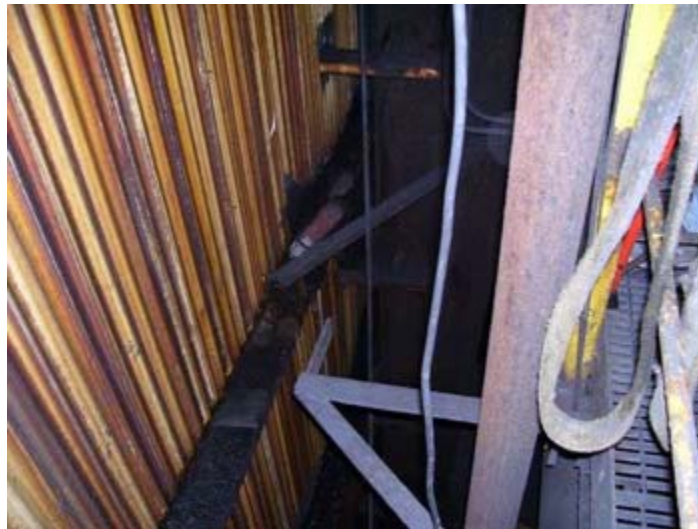
**Fatality #33 - November 4, 2007**

**Victim Died January 2, 2008**

**Slip or Fall of Person - Facility - West Virginia**

**Weatherby Processing Corp - Remington Preparation Plant**

**COAL MINE FATALITY** - On Sunday November 4, 2007, a 42-year old Floor Walker/Mechanic with 17 years experience fell 24 feet from the third floor of a preparation plant to the ground floor. During the replacement of an 8-inch media pipe, the victim dropped an impact wrench onto a 6-inch ledge located along the inside of the plant wall. While attempting to retrieve the impact wrench, the victim crossed beyond the handrail and fell. The victim died on January 2, 2008, from injuries suffered in the fall.



**Best Practices**

- Use appropriate fall protection equipment when a falling hazard exists.
- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each step of a task to identify and address all potential hazards.
- Establish safe work procedures and train personnel before beginning the task.

This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2006, there were 44 fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the seventh fatality classified as Slip or Fall of Person in 2007. During 2006, there were no fatalities in this classification.