



**Fatality #11 - June 8, 2007**  
**Machinery - Minnesota - Iron Ore**  
**Mittal Steel USA-Minorca Mine Inc. - Minorca Mine**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On June 8, 2007, a 49 year-old operator technician, with 30 years mining experience, was fatally injured at an iron ore operation. The victim was lifting a section of pipeline with a 20-ton crane. The outriggers were not used and the crane tipped onto its side. The victim jumped or fell and was crushed when the crane landed on him.



**Best Practices**

- Ensure that crane operators understand the crane controls and are trained to use the load chart.
- Train personnel to recognize and understand safe procedures, including those in the equipment operator's manual, prior to operating the crane.
- Extend and set stabilizers prior to lifting or moving a load.
- Securely rig a load prior to lifting or moving it.
- Always wear a seatbelt if it is provided.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2006, there were 13 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Machinery fatality in 2007. There were 3 Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2006.

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