



**Fatality #12 - July 12, 2007**  
**Falling Material - California - Granite(C&B)**  
**Granite Construction Co. - Felton Quarry**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On June 12, 2007, a 45 year-old grade setter, with ten years construction experience, was fatally injured at a surface crushed stone operation. The victim was working to complete reclamation on a waste dump. He entered a trench and was struck by a large section of clay when a vertical wall of the trench collapsed.



**Best Practices**

- Carefully examine ground conditions prior to performing tasks near excavated embankments, trenches or ditches.
- Identify hazards associated with the task to be performed, review those hazards with all personnel involved, and implement measures to ensure persons are properly protected.
- Support trench walls or slope the walls to a safe angle.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2006, there were 14 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Falling Material fatality in 2007. There were 2 Falling Material fatalities in the same period in 2006.

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