



**Fatality #1 - January 7, 2013**  
**(Victim Died January 19, 2013)**  
**Fall of Highwall – Kentucky – Crushed, Broken Limestone NEC**  
**Lafarge West, Inc – Three Rivers Quarry**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On January 7, 2013, a 49-year old assistant plant manager with 30 years of experience was injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was working on a lift, taking samples from a highwall, when a large rock fell and struck him. He was hospitalized and died on January 19, 2013.



**Best Practices**

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures for working near highwalls. Identify and control all hazards.
- Train all persons to recognize adverse conditions and environmental factors that can decrease highwall stability and understand safe job procedures to eliminate all hazards before beginning work.
- Look, Listen and Evaluate pit and highwall conditions daily, especially after each rain, freeze, or thaw.
- Remove loose or overhanging material from the face. Correct hazardous conditions by working from a safe location.
- Ensure that work or travel areas and equipment are a safe distance from the toe of the highwall.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2013 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2012, there were 0 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Fall of Highwall fatality in 2013. There were 0 Fall of Highwall fatalities in the same period in 2012.

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