MNM Fatal Accidents (since 2005)
Citation issued for failure to wear a Seat Belt.
On April 4, 2005, a 47-year-old laborer, with eight days mining experience, was fatally injured at a surface sand and gravel operation. He was operating a skid loader and dumping material into the plant grizzly. The loader traveled onto the grizzly; overturned, and landed on the ground below. The victim, who was not wearing the seat belt, was ejected.
On July 30, 2005, a 23-year old contractor equipment operator, with 20 months mining experience, was fatally injured at a surface gold mine. The victim was operating a water truck that left the roadway and climbed the berm, causing it to overturn and land back on the haul road. The victim, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the cab of the truck.
On August 13, 2005, a 56-year old haul truck driver, with 12 days mining experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was operating a haul truck from the primary crusher to the pit. As the truck descended the haul road into the pit, it struck the bank, traveled across the road, climbed the berm, and entered a water filled pit.
On September 9, 2005, a 26-year old equipment operator, with five years mining experience, was fatally injured while operating a scraper at a pumice operation. As the scraper descended a grade, it veered off the roadway and traveled over rutted ground. The victim, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the cab.
On September 13, 2005, a 64-year old truck driver, with 25 years mining experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim, who was not wearing his seatbelt, was dumping material over a 20-foot high stockpile when the truck overturned.
On November 4, 2005, a 21-year old laborer with 5 weeks mining experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was being task trained to operate a haul truck. While backing down a ramp, he lost control of the truck. The truck went through a berm, overturned, and fell to the bench below.
On January 27, 2006, a 60-year old heavy equipment operator with 10 years mining experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. He was operating a dozer to prepare a bench for drilling. The dozer traveled over the edge of a 50-foot highwall and fell to the quarry floor, submerging the cab in several feet of mud and water.
On April 25, 2007, a 65 year-old truck driver, with 42 years mining experience, was fatally injured at a cement operation. The victim was operating a haul truck that veered off the roadway, climbed a berm, and fell over a highwall onto a bench below. The victim was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident and was ejected from the cab of the truck.
On September 7, 2007, a 54 year-old supervisor with 27 years experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was operating a track loader to remove excess material from an access road. The machine traveled over an embankment and landed approximately 125 feet below.
On May 27, 2008, a 52-year old truck driver with 2 years experience was fatally injured at a surface crushed stone mine. The victim backed a truck to the edge of a stockpile to dump. The truck went over the crest and fell approximately 30 feet to the floor below.
On September 27, 2009, a 28 year-old truck driver with 2 years of experience was fatally injured at a copper operation. He was operating a 240-ton haul truck that left the haul road and climbed a berm, causing it to overturn and land on the haul road. The victim, who was not wearing a seat belt, fell from the cab of the truck.
On June 13, 2013, a 50-year old mechanic with 15 years of experience was killed at a stone operation. He was operating a 35 ton articulated haul truck down a haul road. The truck went out of control and hit a berm, propelling it in the air. The truck came to a stop with the bed overturned and the cab upright. The victim was ejected from the truck.
On September 16, 2013, a 58-year old truck driver with 25 years of experience was killed at a crushed stone operation. The victim was driving a loaded haul truck out of a quarry when the truck traveled through a berm and over an 80-foot highwall. The victim was ejected from the truck.
On September 19, 2013, a 32-year old laborer with 14 years of experience was killed at a dimension stone operation. The victim was operating a 2½ ton truck up a steep roadway. He was hauling water tanks in the bed of the truck when the load shifted and the truck overturned, crushing him.
On November 7, 2013, a 46-year old equipment operator with 27 years of experience was killed at a granite mine. The victim was operating a haul truck when it veered off the left side of a haul road and traveled through a berm. The haul truck went over an embankment and overturned in a settling pond.
On April 24, 2014, a 50-year-old contract dozer operator with 23 years of experience was killed at a fire clay mine. He had been operating a dozer pushing clay in the pit and was found lying five feet behind the dozer.
On December 1, 2014, a 46-year-old contract truck driver with 26 years of experience was killed at a limestone mine. The articulating haul truck he was operating traveled over a roadway berm and went into a large pond. Dive teams extricated the victim from the truck.
On March 17, 2015, a 44-year old haul truck driver with 4 days of experience was injured at a dredge operation. He was operating a loaded articulated haul truck along an elevated roadway next to a dredge pond. After traveling about 125 yards from the loading point, the haul truck drifted into the water. The victim was removed from the truck, transported to a hospital, and then transferred to a trauma center where he died on March 19, 2015.
On March 8, 2016, a 54-year old miner with 5 years of mining experience was killed at a surface sand and gravel operation. The miner backed his haul truck over a dump site and the driver was found at the bottom of the embankment, 60 feet below. The victim was found unresponsive and partially submerged in water. CPR was attempted, but the victim was not able to be resuscitated.
On September 8, 2016, a 58-year old Haul Truck Operator with 23 years of experience was killed at a granite mine. The victim was operating a Caterpillar 773E haul truck and was returning to the pit to be loaded with shot rock. The truck veered from the right side of the haul road to the left and traveled over the berm at the top of the highwall. The truck landed upside down approximately 150 feet below. The victim was found outside the haul truck.