## **ACCIDENT REPORT**

# **DISASTER FACTS**



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 39

#### ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: ...... Fall from elevated work area Weather Conditions: ..... Clear and Cool Type of Company: ...... Equipment Dismantling Contractor Size of Work Crew: ...... 5 Union or Non-Union: ...... Non-Union Worksite Inspections Conducted: ..... No **Designated Competent** person on site: ......No Employer safety and health programs: ..... No Training and Education for Employees: ..... No Craft of Deceased Employee: ...... Laborer/Foreman Age/Sex: ..... 51/male Time on the job: ...... 1 day Time at the Task: ...... 30 minutes



#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

An employee was dismantling an overhead traveling crane, while free standing without fall protection on top of the bridge end of the truck that was fastened to the runway girders. The employee released the tie down chains holding the bridge truck on the runway girders after rigging the lift slings, causing the end truck to shift. The employee fell approximately 20 feet to the ground and suffered fatal injuries from the fall.

## ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Perform elevated work from an aerial lift basket.
- 2. Use a fall protection system.
- 3. Implement a training program for employees exposed to fall hazards.

### SOURCES OF HELP

- OSHA Standards, regulations, documents and technical information are available on the Internet World Wide web at: http://www.OSHA.gov/. That information also is on CD-ROM, which may be purchased from the Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800 or fax (202) 512-2250, Order No. 729-13-00000-5; Cost \$79 annually; \$28 quarterly.
- For hard copies of OSHA Construction Standards [29 CFR Part 1926], which include all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulation covering construction, contact Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800, fax (202) 512-2250, order number 869-022-00114-1, \$33.
- OSHA-funded free consultation services listed in telephone directories under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs.
- OSHA Safety and Health Training Guidelines for Construction, Volume III (Available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; phone (703) 487-4650; Order No. PB-239-312/AS.
  \$25 to help construction employers establish a training program.
- Courses in construction safety are offered by the OSHA Training Institute, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60018, (847) 297-4810, and the Metropolitan Community Colleges Business & Technology Center, 6899 Executive Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, (816) 482-5210.



Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from a fall and/or electrocution. The accident prevention recommendations do not necessarily reflect the outcome of the legal aspects of the incident case. Your company or organization is eligible to receive one free copy of this leaflet which you may duplicate and share with your coworkers. To be placed on the distribution list, send your name, title and address to: U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 1100 Main, Suite 800, Kansas City, MO 64105, Attn. TECFAP, or e-mail to dearing-cynthia@dol.gov.