

MNMF Fatal 2008-09

- Fall of Person Accident
- May 22, 2008 (Texas)
- Crushed Stone Operation
- Equipment Operator
- 46 years old
- 15 weeks experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when he fell into an energized portable impact crusher. He was standing in a feeder while attempting to unclog material. The victim fell into the crusher that was still operating and was ejected from the discharge belt conveyor.



Root Cause

Management did not conduct a risk analysis to identify all possible hazards and ensure that controls were in place to protect persons performing work at the portable crusher. All components of the portable crusher were not de-energized and blocked against hazardous motion before the victim performed maintenance.

Best Practices

- SLAM Risks (Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage). Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards. Ensure the job is done safely.
- De-energize and lock out all components of portable crushers before performing work even if the task is brief.
- Guard or shield crushers to protect persons against flying or falling materials.
- Train all persons to recognize fall hazards.