



Fatality #5 - February 25, 2008
Machinery - Wisconsin - Construction Sand and Gravel
Park View Sand & Gravel, LLC - Wash Plant

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On February 25, 2008, a 62 year-old manager with 28 years experience was fatally injured at a surface sand and gravel operation. He was using an excavator to free a dragline from an ice-covered pit floor. The excavator broke through the ice as it traveled over an ice-covered, 10 feet deep ditch towards the dragline. The victim was ejected and was recovered from the water about six hours after the accident.



Best Practices

- When conditions change, examine travelways to evaluate hazards. If the safety of travelways can't be positively determined, do not travel on them.
- In locations where travelways are not clearly distinguishable, install barriers, markers, or other warning devices to aid equipment operators, limit travel of mobile equipment, and inform mobile equipment operators of potential hazards.
- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage, SLAM each task to identify all potential hazards. Initiate action to protect yourself when performing every task.
- Wear seat belts when operating self-propelled mobile equipment.

This is the 5th fatality reported in calendar year 2008 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2007, there were 4 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st Machinery fatality in 2008. There were no Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2007.

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