

Case 501. 60-year-old sawmill owner died when he slipped and fell from the cab of a front-end loader.

A 60-year-old male sawmill owner died when he slipped and fell from the cab of a front-end loader. The decedent had been using the front-end loader to fill a trailer with firewood. It appeared that the decedent was in the process of exiting the cab of the front-end loader when he slipped. He fell face-down to the ground. Another worker saw the decedent laying on the gravel and was non-responsive. He called 911 and the decedent was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. This worker stated to the MIOSHA compliance officer that it had rained slightly earlier in the day causing some of the surfaces to be wet. The steps leading into/out of the cab had traction cleats. The front fender and cab steps were approximately four feet from the ground surface.

MIOSHA General Industry Safety and Health Division did not issue a citation at the conclusion of its investigation. The Division issued a Safety and Health Recommendation and a Notice of Potential Hazard to the firm.

SAFETY AND HEALTH RECOMMENDATION

An inspection/investigation of your worksite revealed the following condition(s) that may constitute a safety or health hazard to your employee(s).

In the event that the business is restarted, exercise caution when climbing into and out of the front-end loader when surfaces are slick from rain or moisture. Ensure three points of contact between hands and feet and walking-working surfaces.

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL HAZARD

The following information is provided to the employer to correct an identified hazard. A MIOSHA rule violation exists, but employee exposure has not been determined or evidence is not sufficient to document a violation at this time.

ADM PART 11, RECORDING AND REPORTING OF OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES

Rule 408.22139(1) Reporting fatalities, hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye as result of work-related incidents to MIOSHA. Within 8 hours after the death of any employee from a work-related incident, you must report the fatality by telephone to the MIOSHA toll-free central telephone number: 1-800-858-0397.

The work-related fatality of *Name of Individual* was not reported to MIOSHA within 8 hours. (*MIFACE removed the name of the individual*).