

Case 181. 52-year-old foreman/machine operator at a sheet plastic manufacturing company was burned while he while performing a routine check of a plastic extruder machine.

A 52-year-old male foreman/machine operator at a sheet plastic manufacturing company was burned while he while performing a routine check of a plastic extruder machine. The machine was operating and in production. It is unknown if he heard or saw a problem with the machine. As he bent over the machine near the area that caught his attention, a welded area at the center roll of the machine that held a hot water jacket around the sheet roll to keep the rolls hot broke open, and sprayed him with 220-degree F hot water and steam. He died in the hospital six days later from complications of the injury.

MIOSHA General Industry Safety and Health Division did not issue a citation to the employer at the conclusion of its investigation.