

**Case 296. 47-year-old head operator at a chemical manufacturing facility died when he fell approximately 30 feet to a lower level metal platform.**

A 47-year-old male head operator at a chemical manufacturing facility died when he fell approximately 30 feet to a lower level metal platform. The decedent was ascending a caged ladder for a second time to take measurements for a confined space entry that was to be performed by an outside contractor. MIOSHA personnel noted the caged ladder was adequately constructed and that it had no observed defects. The decedent experienced a heart attack which caused him to suddenly collapse. The medical examiner report indicated that the cause of death was bodily injury due to the 30-foot fall.

MIOSHA General Industry Safety and Health Division determined that the death was not program-related.