

Title Fatal Falling Material Accident

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What Happened A grade setter was fatally injured at a surface crushed stone operation. The victim was working to complete reclamation on a waste dump. He entered a trench and was struck by a large section of clay when a vertical wall of the trench collapsed.

Why It Happened The accident occurred because procedures were not in place to ensure that persons could work safely at the reclamation site. Ground conditions that created a hazard were not taken down or supported before work or travel was permitted. The area was not posted or barricaded to prevent entry.

Recommendations Recommendations for management to establish procedures to ensure that persons can safely work in the area of excavations. Management should monitor persons working in these areas to ensure that the policies and procedures are effective to protect all persons.

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