



Division of Mineral Mining

Serious Injury Accident Investigation: Fall Accident February 6, 2002

A structural ironworker foreman was seriously injured as the result of a fall during demolition work at a limestone crushing plant. The victim was cutting a section of decking on a cone crusher platform when the decking beneath him collapsed, causing him to fall about 11 feet. The section of decking that the victim was standing on was not supported underneath by the frame of the platform nor was it welded to the top of the platform along its edges. The victim landed on his side, across a section of angle iron, breaking five ribs and puncturing a lung.



RECOMMENDATIONS: Workers must keep their work area clean and free of debris that could hinder their ability to work safely. Workers and foremen must thoroughly inspect the work area prior to starting work and periodically during work to ensure that the work area is safe and hazard-free.