New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-007

Accident Type:	Fall from elevation	
Number of Fatalities	1	
Weather Conditions:	Clear	
Type of Operation:	Oil & Gas Extraction	
Size of Work Crew:	40	
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No	
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes	
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No	
Training and Education Provided:	Yes	
Employees Job Titles:	Trucking Supervisor	
Age & Gender:	54 Male	
Experience at this Type of Work:	9 years	
Time on Project:	4 Months	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

A truck driver was exiting the cab of a water truck when he slipped on the step and fell 40 inches to the ground. The driver suffered broken ribs and a collapsed lung as a result of the impact and later died from his injuries.

INSPECTION RESULTS

No citations were issued as a result of the inspection.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Employers should remind drivers to always follow the proper guidelines and to use available hand rails when exiting truck cabs. The proper method of climbing from an elevated vehicle requires the employee to maintain three points of contact at all times.