

# FATAL FACTS



**No. 8775-024**

Accident Type:	Struck By
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry and Calm
Type of Operation:	Dock Maintenance
Size of Work Crew:	2
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	Yes
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	Yes
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Dock Worker
Age & Gender:	Male, 65
Experience at this Type of Work:	3 years
Time on Project:	3 years



## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

Two employees were performing cleaning maintenance on the dock leveling devices. The first step in the process is to inflate the airbags to lift the levelers to the highest position. The next step required reaching under the leveling plate to engage a maintenance prop to secure the leveler into position. While the employee was doing this, the air bag split and deflated, causing the plate to drop and fatally strike the employee.

## **INSPECTION RESULTS**

The investigation resulted in the issuance of one serious citations. The citation was for not periodic maintenance to the dock levelers. The general duty clause of 11.5.1.13 NMAC was cited.

## **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The recommendation made by OHSB and put into place by the employer was to perform weekly and quarterly maintenance on the dock levelers to insure proper operation.