No. 8775-030

Accident Type: Caught between
Number of Fatalities: 1
Weather Conditions: Dry, Calm, Warm
Type of Operation: Ramp Maintenance
Size of Work Crew: 1
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: Mechanic
Age & Gender: Male, 52
Experience at this Type of Work: Years
Time on Project: 1 day

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT
A belt loader became stuck in an inoperable position. A mechanic used a second belt loader to lift the ramp of the first loader so he could examine the lift. While attempting to repair the broken loader, movement occurred and the inoperable ramp descended upon the mechanic causing fatal injuries.

INSPECTION RESULTS
The investigation resulted in the issuance of two serious citations. The first citation was for not performing periodic inspection of energy control procedures – 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i). The second serious citation was for not following proper lockout/tagout procedures as described in 29 CFR 1910.147(d).

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS
The recommendations made by OHSB were to provide more frequent training for lockout/tagout procedures.