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| Serious Injury 317587723 | 1/2/14 | All Other Plastics Product Mfg. 326199 110 | An employee was closing the lid on a mold when the handle slipped from the employee's right hand and the lid closed on the employee's left ring finger. | Citation issued. |
| Serious Injury 317619831 317606051 317619799 | 2/19/14 | Professional Employer Org. 561330 666 Hazardous Waste Collection 562112 51 Admin. of Air & Water Resources 924110 260 | The employer was using propane tanks and torches in a pit beneath a ground truck scale to melt snow and ice buildup which had caused the scale to malfunction. An employee checked on the torches by accessing a hole to the scale pit. The employee smelled propane and did not try to relight the torches. As the employee was exiting the access hole to the scale pit the employee heard a noise and was ejected from the hole. The employee suffered 2 nd degree burns. | No citations to Admin. of Air & Water Resources employer; citations issued to other employers. |
| Serious Injury 317606267 | 2/24/14 | Lawn and Garden Equipment Mfg. 333112 1250 | An employee was dumping metal parts into a melt furnace that contained molten aluminum. Some of the parts were just fabricated, but defective and wet from the cooling process. An explosion originated from inside the melt furnace spewing molten aluminum, resulting in burns to the employee. | Citations issued. |
| Fatality 317603314 No Inspection | 2/28/14 | General Warehousing & Storage 493110 130 | An employee was found collapsed and unresponsive. The employee died of natural causes. | No inspection - not work-related. |
| Serious Injury 317619575 | 3/6/14 | All Other Industrial Machinery Mfg. 333298 12 | Employees were testing explosion suppression systems, when an explosion occurred, resulting in amputation injuries to an employee. | Citation issued. |

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| Fatality 317619617 No Inspection | 3/10/14 | General Freight Trucking, Local 484110 50 | A pipe weighing 1½ tons was being loaded onto a truck and the pipe fell on the truck driver. | No inspection – no employer/employee relationship. |
| Fatality 317654887 | 3/31/14 | Roofing Contractor 238160 80 | An employee fell through a translucent roof panel, falling approximately 25 feet to a concrete floor. | Citations issued. |
| Fatality 317678993 | 4/1/14 | Other Millwork 321918 14 | An employee was opening airplane hangar style bi-fold overhead doors. While one of the doors was opening, the employee moved sideways between a stack of lumber and the opening door to reach around a steel column to activate the switch to open an adjacent door. The employee's cold weather clothing became caught in the winding mechanism (wire rope and drum) used to raise the lower section of the door. As the opening door continued to rise, the employee was lifted off the ground while the employee's clothing continued to be drawn into the winding mechanism tightening around the employee's chest causing asphyxiation. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317686525 | 4/14/14 | Full-Service Restaurant 722110 22 | An employee was attempting to reduce the pressure of a carbon dioxide system by turning the pressure regulator down. The employee turned the regulator up instead of down and lost consciousness due to exposure to carbon dioxide. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317710374 317741601 | 5/2/14 | Siding Contractor 238170 17 New Multifamily Housing Constr. 236116 1 | An employee slipped and fell approximately 22 feet from an extension ladder. | Citations issued. |

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| Serious Injury 317741585 317741593 | 4/29/14 | Temporary Help Services 561320 120 Machine Tool Mfg. 333513 7 | An employee's hand was caught in a mechanical power press when the employee tried to remove a metal disk. | No citations to temp help service employer; citations issued to machine tool manufacturer. |
| Serious Injury 317745495 | 5/15/14 | Administration of Housing Programs 925110 270 | As an employee was backing an ATV out of a garage, the employee accidentally hit the throttle, struck a parked vehicle and was thrown from the ATV. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317745545 317745529 | 5/14/14 | Other Building Material Dealer 444190 89 Framing Contractor 238130 3 | An employee fell approximately 10 feet from a scissors lift. | Citations issued to both employers. |
| Serious Injury 317745677 | 5/20/14 | Poured Concrete Foundation & Structure Contractor 238110 7 | An employee was dismounting a boom crane when the bolt that held the seat in place sheared and the employee fell approximately 3 feet to the metal catwalk below. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317745925 | 5/13/14 | Site Preparation Contractor 238910 45 | An employee was on a crane deck greasing crane bearings. The cab and boom were rotated, causing the employee to lose footing on the crane deck and fall to the concrete slab below. | No citations. |

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| Serious Injury 317749810 | 5/6/14 | Grain and Field Bean Merchant Wholesaler 424510 30 | An employee was in a grain tumbler to remove chunks of fertilizer. Another employee turned off the connecting conveyor, which activated the tumbler, resulting in injuries to the employee's feet. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317754562 | 5/22/14 | Machine Shop 332710 35 | While operating a grinder, an employee leaned over the front of the machine to retrieve a part. The employee's body made contact with the table traverse control causing the steel magnetic chuck to move towards the point of operation, pinning the employee between the magnetic chuck and the grinder wheel. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317760809 | 6/6/14 | Commercial Flexographic Printing 323112 91 | An employee was training to operate a standup forklift, when the employee lost control. The forklift went backwards and pinned the employee between the crossbar of a shelving unit and the control panel of the forklift. | Citation issued. |
| Serious Injury 317760981 | 6/4/14 | Other Misc. Fabricated Metal Product Mfg. 332999 466 | An employee was using a press to cut shapes. The material was not flowing through the press consistently and the employee removed the guard and bypassed the interlock to facilitate removing the jammed material. The employee's hand was crushed. | Citation issued. |
| Serious Injury 317775658 317775617 | 5/15/14 | Temporary Help Services 561320 200 Brewery 312120 55 | An employee was using a hose and nozzle which dispensed hot water (about 150°F) to clean the floor. The connection came loose, spraying the employee with hot water. | Citation issued to brewery employer; no citations to temporary help services employer. |
| Fatality 317760536 | 6/6/14 | Dairy Cattle & Milk Production 112120 44 | An employee was found pinned and unresponsive under the driver's side wing of a hay merger. | No citations. |

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| Fatality 317779643 317775575 | 6/21/14 | Roofing Contractors 238160 7 & 48 | An employee fell approximately 30 feet from a barn under construction. | Citations issued. |
| Fatality 317775831 | 6/25/14 | Landscaping Services 561730 7 | An employee was electrocuted when the tree branch that the employee was cutting came in contact with the main power line. | Citations issued. |
| Fatality 317779577 | 6/27/14 | Lumber, Plywood, Millwork & Wood Panel Merchant Wholesaler 423310 9 | When a forklift operator got off a truck, a pallet of plywood shifted and fell on the employee. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317779726 | 7/1/14 | Site Preparation Contractor 238910 11 | Two employees were capping a sewer line in an unprotected excavation when a wall of the excavation collapsed, burying both employees just below their knees. | Citation issued. |
| Fatality 317779809 | 7/1/14 | Motor Vehicle Towing 488410 18 | An employee was using a heavy duty tow truck to tow another vehicle. After lowering the towed vehicle, it began to roll away from the tow truck. While attempting to stop the rolling truck, the employee was crushed beneath the front wheel of the vehicle. | Citation issued. |
| Serious Injury 317779866 | 7/3/14 | Residential Remodeler 236118 3 | Two employees were erecting a ladder jack scaffold on top of the platform of a ladder frame scaffold when the scaffold collapsed and both employees fell approximately 20 feet. | Citation issued. |
| Serious Injury 317780930 | 6/17/14 | Paper Mill 322121 715 | An employee was descending a ladder when the feet of the ladder slid and the ladder and employee fell to a concrete floor. | Citations issued. |

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| Serious Injury 317780948 | 7/2/14 | Unlaminated Plastics Film & Sheet Mfg. 326113 | Two employees were lowering an adjustable portion of a bag folding machine 5 ton bottle jacks and a 26 inch long 6 inch diameter square tube steel spacer. One of the jacks failed and the spacer struck one of the employees on the head. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317800076 317800431 317800449 | 7/3/14 | Site Preparation Contractor 238910 400 | An employee was standing next to an all-terrain vehicle, testing the soil density, when the employee was struck by a Case 550 Quad-Trac and pinned against the all-terrain vehicle. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317797470 | 7/11/14 | Other General Government Support 921190 300 | Two employees were attempting to clean a sanitary sewer line using a water-powered hose and nozzle. Pressure had built up in the hose and when one employee turned the hose on, the nozzle struck the other employee. | Citation issued. |
| Serious Injury 317800084 No Inspection | 7/8/14 | Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports & Similar Events with Facilities 711310 2 | An employee was working from a personnel basket when the basket became dislodged from the extensible boom rough terrain forklift and struck the ground | No inspection – no jurisdiction, Byron Amendment exemption. |
| Serious Injury 317800183 | 7/6/14 | General Warehousing & Storage 493110 150 | An employee was dismantling racking when the metal grating the employee was standing on gave way, causing the employee to fall 10 feet to the concrete surface. | Citations issued. |
| Fatality 317797330 | 7/16/14 | Golf Course 713910 411 | While mowing the grounds, an employee who was allergic to bees was stung by a bee. | No citations. |
| Serious Injury 317800290 No Inspection | 7/22/14 | Painting & Wall Covering Contractor 238320 1 | While spraying whitewash onto the interior walls of a cattle barn, an employee fell into a manure pit twelve feet deep. | No inspection – no jurisdiction, Byron Amendment exemption. |

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| Serious Injury 317806305 | 7/23/14 | Other Airport Operations 488119 650 | While attempting to back up a van, an employee shifted the van into “drive” rather than “reverse” and struck and pinned another employee against a second van. | Citation issued. |
| Serious Injury 317807196 | 6/16/14 | Painting & Wall Covering Contractor 238320 25 | An employee was climbing a ladder, got approximately ten feet up and slipped and fell. | No citations. |
| Serious Injury 317824530 No Inspection | 7/15/14 | Painting & Wall Covering Contractor 238320 5 | While an employee was lowering a ladder to the ground, the ladder contacted the top wire of energized power lines. | No inspection – no jurisdiction, Byron Amendment exemption. |
| Fatality 317806081 | 7/28/14 | Power & Communication Line & Related Structures Construction 237130 55 | Two employees were removing jumper connectors from an existing transmission tower. The connector lines were de-energized, but an existing induction current was stored in the connector lines causing an electrical shock to one employee and electrocution to the other employee. | Citations issued. |
| Fatality 317824662 | 8/5/14 | Appliance Repair & Maintenance 811412 100 | While servicing an air conditioning unit located outside, an employee who was not aware of any allergies to bees was stung by a bee. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317826337 | 8/25/14 | Residential Remodeler 236118 2 | While engaged in roofing activities, an employee fell off of the roof approximately 10 feet to the ground. | Citations issued. |

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| Serious Injury 317828176 | 9/2/14 | Materials Recovery Facility 562920 13 | An employee was moving a roll-off dumpster with an elevating boom when the boom made contact with an overhead power line, resulting in burns to the employee. | Citations issued. |
| Fatality 317828010 | 9/21/14 | General Line Grocery Merchant Wholesaler 424410 1400 | An employee was crushed when a picking crane collapsed. | Citations issued. |
| Serious Injury 317826428 317826436 | 9/26/14 | Janitorial Services 561720 6 Chicken Egg Production 112310 45 | An employee was cleaning an egg processing machine, when the employee's hair was caught in a rotating shaft. | Citations issued to both employers. |