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317887842 10/19/14 Chaska No Inspection	Corn Farming 111150 2	A farmer was installing drain tile when the trench the farmer was working in collapsed.	No inspection – family farm exemption
317915916 12/1/14 Mankato	General Automotive Repair 811111 69	A truck service technician was run over by a dump truck while removing a jack from under the truck.	Citations issued.
317933968 9/3/14 Mora	Automotive Parts & Accessories Store 441310 825	A delivery/shop employee burned a finger while using an oxy/acetylene torch to remove studs from an engine. The employee died from a staph infection.	No citations.
317937852 12/18/14 Edina	Other Home Furnishing Store 442299 6208	A merchandising associate fell from a stepladder while accessing storage racking.	No citations.
317949584 12/30/14 Duluth	Rooming & Boarding House 721310 21	A night manager fell down a flight of stairs while carrying a bag of garbage.	Citation issued.

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317963056 2/12/15 Cannon Falls	Automotive Parts & Accessories Store 441310 68,000	A sales worker was on a step-stool stacking merchandise onto a metal storage rack and fell to the cement floor.	No citations.
317965705 317965697 2/23/15 Marshall	Employment Placement Agency 561310 30 Packaged Frozen Food Merchant Wholesaler 424420 5600	A temporary employee (merchandise picker) fell 20 feet from the third level of a racking system.	No citations to employment agency; citation to wholesaler.
317966703 317966588 317977445 2/27/15 Rochester	Framing Contractor 238130 13 New Multifamily Housing Construction 236116 15 Framing Contractor 238130 25	A carpenter foreman was working near a forklift when the pallet forks and jib attachment fell off of the forklift and struck the employee.	Citations issued to framing contractors; no citations to housing construction employer.

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317978625 3/28/15 St. Paul	Commercial Bakery 311812 70	While mixing ingredients for dough, a bakery supervisor suffered an asthmatic attack.	No citations.
317979821 4/13/15 Two Harbors	New Car Dealer 441110 60	A receptionist fell on the showroom floor and died from complications related to the fall.	Citation issued.
5/11/15 Jasper	Hog & Pig Farming 112210 120 Support Activities for Animal Production 115210 2	A farm worker and janitor were inside of a pig barn. The janitor was using a power washer to clean the barn, while the farm worker was turning a heater on. The barn caught fire and both employees died.	Case open.
317992386 5/26/15 Hibbing	Iron Foundry 331511 28	A machine operator was inspecting molds for quality control. The operator went inside of a robot cage to view one of the molds when the automatic robot turned and pinned the operator between the robot and a table.	Citations issued.
317992899 5/28/15 Mabel	Landscaping Services 561730 7	A tree trimmer was working between a large bucket truck and a logging trailer. When the trailer was disconnected from the truck, the trailer rolled forward, pinning the tree trimmer.	Citations issued.

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317995165 6/30/15 Lakeville	Other Heavy & civil Engineering Constr. 237990 43	A laborer was installing drain tile in an excavation when it caved in.	Citations issued.
317995397 7/8/15 Maple Grove	Travel Trailer & Camper Manufacturer 336214 14	A welder was welding an aluminum float on a pontoon boat when the float exploded and the end cap of the float struck the welder in the head. The float contained yellow foam inside of it.	Citations issued.
317996478 7/23/15 Prior Lake No Inspection	Ornamental & Architectural Metal Work Mfg. 332323 1	The owner of the company was painting the underside of a trailer that was propped up by a large wooden pole. The trailer shifted and/or moved and fell on the owner.	No inspection – no employer/employee relationship.
317995710 7/10/15 Jordan	New Single-Family Housing Construction 236115 4	While nailing purlins to trusses which were 13 feet above ground, a laborer turned and fell to the concrete slab below.	Citation issued.
318007606 8/5/15 Belle Plaine	Executive Offices 921110 92	A managing supervisor of a water treatment plant was found in a concrete oxidation ditch. Co-workers suspect the supervisor was pulling reeds out of the ditch and fell in.	No citations.

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318007663 8/6/15 Maple Grove	Landscaping Service 561730 40	A laborer, who was operating a tower lawn mower with the throttle control secured in the full power position with a bungee cord, was found pinned up against the back seat of the mower and the lower branch of a tree.	Citations issued.
318018850 318018868 8/26/15 Minneapolis	Roofing Contractor 238160 194 Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 811	While installing a solid roof, two roofers fell and slid down the roof. One struck a post and stopped, but was injured. The other broke through a guardrail and fell onto an elevated platform below.	Citations issued to both employers.
318019866 9/13/15 Butterfield	General Freight Trucking, Long- Distance, Truckload 484121 14	A truck driver was unloading a trailer and did not set the semi-truck brakes. The semi-truck and trailer rolled, pinning the driver between the trailer and the loading dock.	Citations issued.