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Serious Injury 316913029	1/8/2013	Confectionary Merchant Wholesaler 424450 3000	An employee was hoisting a 950 pound bag of peanuts approximately 8 feet above a hopper when the load chain on the hoist failed, causing the bag to fall on the employee.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 316914324	1/17/2013	Commercial & Industrial Machinery & Equipment 811310 6	An employee was attempting to dislodge an obstruction in the breathing line that supplied air to a sandblasting helmet. When the employee slapped the end of the breathing line against a shed, the obstruction became dislodged, the breathing line whipped backwards and the accumulated water, ice and sand sprayed the side of the employee's face.	Citations issued.
Fatality 316914191 No Inspection	1/28/2013	Farm Machinery & Equipment Mfg. 333111 600	During a break, an employee slumped over and died.	No inspection – not work-related.
Serious Injury 316940550	1/28/2013	Framing Contractor 238130 283	Employees were moving trusses. They wrapped a 12-foot web sling around the truss peaks and attached the sling to the right fork of a forklift. One of the employees was walking alongside the forklift to keep the trusses from spinning. The employee walking with the forklift slipped, fell, and was run over by the forklift.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 316955525 316955558	1/29/2013	Beet Sugar Mfg. 311313 897 Temporary Help Service 561320 283	While an employee was replacing a level transmitter on a concentrator vessel, sugar beet juice, heated to approximately 185 degrees (F), sprayed from a flange junction in an umbrella pattern, burning the employee.	Citations issued to both employers.

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Fatality 316914472 316914480	1/31/2013	Beet Sugar Mfg. 311313 345 General Freight Trucking, Local 484110 25	While walking from one building to another, an employee was struck by a front end loader.	Citations issued to both employers.
Serious Injury 316955913	2/7/2013	Other Foundation, Structure & Building Exterior Contractor 238190 5	While descending a work platform an employee stepped off of a ladder and walked onto a metal roof to retrieve a motor belt. The employee slipped and fell 22 feet to the ground.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 316973288	2/12/2013	Residential Remodeler 236118 1	An employee cut their arm while using a compound miter saw.	Citation issued.
Fatality 316994573 No Inspection	2/15/2013	Farm Machinery & Equipment Mfg. 333111 85	An employee was found unresponsive and died of natural causes.	No inspection –not work-related.
Serious Injury 317013316	2/23/2013	Masonry Contractor 238140 21	Employees were in the process of demolishing the concrete floors inside take down coolers. The employees were using gas saws when one of the employees collapsed due to carbon monoxide poisoning.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317018075	3/11/2013	Site Preparation Contractor 238910 3	An employee was standing on a pile of debris near an excavator. The excavator scooped a load of crushed cinder block and turned towards the employee. As the excavator was turning, two cinder blocks fell out of the bucket and struck the employee.	Citations issued.

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Fatality 317018406 No Inspection	3/15/2013	Ice Cream & Frozen Dessert Mfg. 311520 500	An employee choked on food while on a lunch break.	No inspection – not work-related
Fatality 317037927	3/30/2013	Funeral Home 812210 6	An employee tripped down a set of stairs and hit his head on an adjacent wall.	No citations.
Serious Injury 317037869	3/30/2013	Sugar Beet Mfg. 311313 600	Two employees fell, at separate times, into a sump pit containing a hot juice, mud slurry mix which was 176-185 degrees (F).	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317064319	4/1/2013	Flour Mill 311211 117	An employee was standing on a pallet of flour bags, attempting to dislodge a bag that had jammed the palletizer. The palletizer activated and the employee's legs were caught between parts of the palletizer.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317064327	4/11/2013	Electric Power Distribution 221122 40	An employee was replacing a cut-out switch on a utility pole, working from a personnel basket and received an electric shock from a power line that was energized.	Citation issued.
Serious Injury 317078095	4/17/2013	Other Nonhazardous Waste Treatment & Disposal 562219 750	An employee was emptying trash containers using the forks of a garbage truck. While removing the forks from a trash container, the container began to roll towards a parked vehicle. The driver set the parking brake and left the truck to retrieve the trash container. The truck started to roll and pinned the employee between the fork of the truck and the parked vehicle.	Citation issued.
Serious Injury 317108231	4/22/2013	New Car Dealer 441110 119	Two employees were using brake cleaner to clean up oil on the floor of a room when a flash fire occurred, blowing the doors to the room shut and trapping the employees inside.	Citations issued.

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Serious Injury 317108207	4/24/2013	Solid Waste Combustor & Incinerator 562213 1300	Two employees were working from an elevated platform of a box truck. While lowering the platform, one of the employees fell approximately 25 feet from the platform into a garbage pit.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317107993	4/27/2013	Sawmill 321113 104	While conducting maintenance, an employee fell 35 feet to the ground when the steel grating platform he was standing on came loose from the catwalk.	Citation issued.
Fatality 317108421	4/30/2013	Other Support Activities for Road Transportation 488490 154	An employee was clearing ice from box culverts using an excavator. The employee was traveling in the excavator up the slope above the culvert system, using the bucket of the excavator to gain leverage. The excavator slipped and fell into the river. The employee drowned.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317150886 317150894	5/2/2013	Temporary Help Service 561320 1000 Lumber Merchant Wholesaler 423310 12	An employee's shirt sleeve became entangled in an unguarded chain and sprocket on a rip saw.	Citations issued to wholesaler; no citations to temporary service.
Serious Injury 317115376	5/10/2013	Fitness & Recreational Sports Center 713940 4444	Two employees were cleaning a whirlpool. When rinsing the pool with fresh water, one of the employees experienced difficulty breathing and began coughing. The employee left the whirlpool area and collapsed. The other employee was unaffected.	Citation issued.

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Serious Injury 317131076 No Inspection	5/10/2013	Painting & Wall Covering Contractor 238320 8	While painting a light pole, an employee fell approximately 20 feet from a bucket lift.	No inspection – no jurisdiction, Byron Amendment exemption.
Fatality 317131217	5/16/2013	RV Park & Campground 721211 6	An employee was cutting down a tree when the tree twisted, turned direction and landed on the employee's back.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317168367	5/21/2013	Overhead Traveling Crane, Hoist & Monorail System Mfg. 333923 70	An employee was operating a drill press while wearing cotton gloves. The glove got caught on one of the drill bits and pulled the employee's hand into the machine.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317153682	5/29/2013	Site Preparation Contractor 238910 19	An employee was using a vibratory pad foot compactor to compact soil. While the employee was backing the compactor down a slope, some of the soil gave way. The compactor tilted and tipped over, trapping the employee's legs between the top of the roll over protection on the compactor and the ground.	Citation issued.
Serious Injury 317158459	6/4/2013	Sheet Metal Work Manufacturing 332322 49	An employee was backing up a forklift and did not lower the mast. The mast contacted a 22" diameter trunk line of duct work which fell from the ceiling and landed on another employee.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317168110	6/5/2013	Misc. Nonmetallic Mineral Product Mfg. 327999 26	An employee was holding up inactive power cables to make way for a skid steer. The driver drove the skid steer underneath the cables as the employee holding the cables moved forward and the track of the skid steer ran over the employee's leg.	Citation issued.

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Fatality 317158384	6/6/2013	Plumbing, Heating & Air-Conditioning Contractor 238220 11	An employee was replacing U joints on a company van at home, on company time, when the van rolled off of the ramps and crushed the employee under the vehicle.	Citation issued.
Serious Injury 317168334	6/14/2013	Solid Waste Combustor & Incinerator 562213 43	A pump motor broke loose from its mount and fell on an employee.	No citations.
Serious Injury 317172823	6/17/2013	Grain & Field Bean Merchant Wholesaler 424510 8	An employee entered a bean house steel grain bin to shovel grain that had been clumping together. The bridging of grain broke beneath the employee who was engulfed by grain up to the employee's neck.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317172930	6/21/2013	Other Animal Food Manufacturing 311119 132	Production was shut down for repairs and 2 employees were testing a mixer. A third employee removed the guards and while retrieving a piece of silicone, the employee slipped and the employee's arm was pulled into the mixer.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317214179	4/1/2013 (MNOSHA notified 7/12/13)	Specialized Freight Trucking, Long Distance 484230 24	Employees were using an acetylene torch to cut a bolt off of a refrigeration unit inside a semi-trailer. One of the employees used a sponge to wet down the floor and walls of the trailer with what was thought to be a bucket of water, but was actually an ignitable liquid. The employee sustained burns from the resulting fire and died 2 months later.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317214229	7/12/2013	Water & Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 4500	Two employees were conducting routine maintenance on a storm water sewer line and were using a combination jet/vac truck equipped with a water-powered hose and nozzle. The water hose was laid across a lane of traffic and connected to a fire hydrant. A passing cargo truck ran over the water hose and it got caught under the rear axle of the truck. As the truck pulled the hose, it whipped around and pulled the two employees off their feet.	Citations issued.

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Serious Injury 317214286	4/25/2013 (MNOSHA notified 7/12/13)	Other Building Finishing Contractor 238390 12	An employee was injured when he fell from a Baker scaffold while installing a decorative application to a retail storefront within a mall.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317227031 No Inspection	7/9/2013	Landscaping Services 561730	The victim was using a metal cable to help position branches as they were being cut from a tree. The cable made contact with a high voltage overhead power line.	No inspection – no employer/employee relationship.
Serious Injury 317266567	7/19/2013	Farm Supplies Merchant Wholesaler 424910 200	An employee was in a fertilizer shed on a wooden catwalk approximately 45 feet above the level below when a section of the catwalk gave way causing the employee to fall approximately 30 feet to an accumulation of fertilizer.	Citation issued.
Fatality 317221067	7/15/2013	Farm & Garden Machinery & Equipment Merchant Wholesaler 423820 220	An employee was removing a mulch tiller from a shipping configuration. As the employee cut the metal bands holding the tiller parts together, steel frame pieces from the tiller tipped over, crushing the employee.	Citation issued.
Fatality 317266989 No Inspection	8/7/2013	Recyclable Material Merchant Wholesaler 423930 4	An employee was found lying unresponsive on the ground, having died of natural causes.	No inspection – not work-related.
Fatality 317278422	8/14/2013	Power & Communication Line & Related Structures Construction 237130 49	Using a crawler crane, employees had lowered a 7,000 pound rebar cage into a hole in preparation for pouring concrete. The cage was suspended inside the hole by ratchet straps. Several employees were standing on the cage in an effort to lower hoses to a pump used to remove water from the bottom of the hole. The ratchet straps broke, the cage shifted and dropped about 12 feet, causing 2 of the employees to fall, one of whom sustained fatal injuries.	Citations issued.

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Serious Injury 317292571	8/19/2013	Abrasive Product Manufacturing 327910 40000	While operating a CAM Slitter, an employee reached into the machine to remove excess sandpaper strips. The employee's left hand was grabbed and pulled into the roller.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317292829	8/22/2013	Siding Contractor 238170 7	An employee made contact with an electrical line while installing a steel downspout on a duplex home.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317304004	8/29/2013	Commercial Gravure Printing 323111 1700	An employee mistakenly transferred an incorrect chemical to a holding tank that feeds a water treatment system, resulting in a chemical reaction that caused exposure to 4 employees.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317312098	9/9/2013	Automotive Parts & Accessories Store 441310 35	An employee was inflating a tire which had just been serviced when the tire exploded and knocked the employee to the ground.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317312015 317304459	9/10/2013	Site Preparation Contractor 238910 62 Commercial & Institutional Bldg. Construction 236220 300	Employees were operating excavators while demolishing a building when a large section of concrete broke loose and crushed one of the employees.	Citations issued to site prep contractor. No citations to commercial builder.

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Serious Injury 317312254	9/11/2013	Other Misc. Food Manufacturing 311999 155	An unsecured hopper containing 1,400 pounds of cocoa powder fell from the forks of a forklift, striking 2 employees.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317312296	9/5/2013	Electrical & Other Wiring Installation Contractor 238210 60	An employee was attempting to retrieve information from a blower motor nameplate inside an elevator room when the employee came in contact with an energized resistance starter located near the blower motor.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317320372	8/30/2013	Other Heavy & Civil Engineering Constr. 237990 6	An employee was driving a drum packer onto a trailer when the packer slid backwards and to the side. The packer tipped over, striking the employee who tried to jump away from the packer.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317320125 317312023	7/30/2013 (MNOSHA notified 9/9/13)	Temporary Help Services 561320 4500 Sheet Metal Work Manufacturing 332322 20	A temporary employee was operating a press brake when his fingers got too close to the die. The employee was unable to pull his fingers back or stop the press in time and the die came down on his fingers.	Citations issued to sheet metal work manufacturer; no citations to temporary service.
Serious Injury 317320133	9/18/2013	Water & Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 57	An employee was engulfed up to his chest when a vertical, unprotected wall of an excavation collapsed.	Citations issued.

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Serious Injury 317327518	9/23/2013	Corn Farming 11150 34	An employee was standing next to a feeder chute, removing corn stalks before they reached the rollers to a corn husker. The employee missed one of the stalks and it became jammed in the rollers. When the employee opened the grate to the rollers and attempted to retrieve the stalk, his hands were pulled into the rollers.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317327682	9/19/2013	Metal Can Mfg. 332431 136	An employee was operating a press brake and the press cycled while the employee was reaching into the press to remove a trimmed part.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317320356	9/20/2013	Framing Contractor 238130 141	Three employees were working from scissor lifts when roof trusses collapsed, striking the lifts, causing them to tip over.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317332559 317332542	9/20/2013	Poured Concrete Foundation & Structure Contractor 238110 48 Highway, Street & Bridge Constr. 237310 125	An employee was pounding stakes into the ground to secure concrete forms when the stake came in contact with an energized electrical line.	Citations issued to both employers.
Serious Injury 317332633	8/15/2013	Beet Sugar Mfg. 311313 1400	An employee was using a boring bar to enlarge a coupling hub hole when he moved his thumb and it was caught in the key groove while the boring bar was grinding.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317327765 317327781	9/22/2013	Other Services to Buildings & Dwellings 561790 1 & 46	A window washer fell approximately 60 feet from the roof of a building.	Citations issued to both employers.

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Fatality 317327831 No Inspection	9/23/2013	Packaged Frozen Food Merchant Wholesaler 424420 50	An employee fell in a storage room, having died of natural causes.	No inspection – not work-related.
Fatality 317327864	9/25/2013	Dairy Cattle & Milk Production 112120 24	The victim was struck by a front end loader.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317335479 No Inspection	9/12/2013	Horses & Other Equine Production 112920 3	A horse groomer was saddling a horse when the horse reared, striking the employee in the chest.	No inspection – no employer/employee relationship.
Serious Injury 317332799	10/1/2013	Fitness & Rec. Sports Center 713940 17	An employee mistakenly added acid to a chlorine bleach barrel and was exposed to fumes from the chemical mixture.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317352136	10/18/2013	Hog & Pig Farming 112210 40	An employee fell off of the top of a tanker truck while pumping manure into the tank.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317353001	10/1/2013	Dry-Cleaning & Laundry Services 812320 13	An employee sustained burns while operating a laundry press that was not working properly. The buttons on either side of the press did not have to be concurrently activated in order to close the press.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317347797	10/14/2013	All Other Misc. Fabricated Metal Product Mfg. 332999 65	An employee was welding cargo dolly frames. A cargo dolly frame was being vertically supported with an overhead hoist and a 2-ply endless nylon web sling when the sling broke, causing the frame to fall onto the employee, crushing the employee between the vertical frame and three stationary frames waiting to be welded.	Citations issued.

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Fatality 317353043	10/16/2013	Roofing Contractor 238160 4	A roofing employee fell approximately 9 feet from a scaffold.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317353316	10/19/2013	Drywall & Insulation Contractor 238310 1	An employee fell from a 6-7 foot wooden step ladder.	No citations.
Fatality 317352284	10/21/2013	Structural Steel & Precast Concrete Contractors 238120 100	A crane operator was crushed when the crane he was operating tipped onto the cab.	Citations issued.
Serious Injury 317353209	10/23/2013	Commercial & Institutional Bldg. Construction 236220 50	An employee fell approximately 20 feet while carrying insulation across boards placed on wood joists.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317404168 No Inspection	11/1/2013	Sugar Beet Farming 111991 9	An employee was run over by a piece of farm equipment.	No inspection – farm exemption.
Serious Injury 317404101	10/28/2013	Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning Contractor 238220 247	Employees were working on an air handling unit, 11 feet high, replacing pipes when a seal separated causing 180 degrees pressurized water to shoot out from the pipe. The water hit one of the employees, causing the employee to fall to the ground.	Citation issued.
Serious Injury 317404325	11/6/2013	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 1	An employee fell 40 feet to the ground in a coffer dam while preparing to set a twin wall form.	Citation issued.

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Fatality 317404424	11/7/2013	Metal Stamping 332116 21	An employee was struck in the chest by parts that ejected from a punch press.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317446730 317439594 No Inspection	11/25/2013	Temporary Help Services 561320 3000 Construction Machinery Mfg. 333120 200	An employee was found unconscious on company grounds.	No inspection – not work-related.
Serious Injury 317443034	12/3/2013	Framing Contractor 238130 4	An employee fell 30 feet from the roof of a pole barn.	Citations issued.
Fatality 317446599	11/29/2013 reported 12/10/2013	Other Support Activities for Road Transportation 488490 11	An employee fell while getting out of a road grader. The employer died several days later after developing complications from surgery.	Citations issued.