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318085693 10/3/16 Lino Lakes	Water, Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 4	A laborer was in a trench connecting the water service line to the water main when the trench collapsed.	Citations issued.
318085842 10/4/16 White Bear Township	Roofing Contractor 238160 100	Roofers were using a crane and clam bucket to transfer pea-gravel to the roof of the jobsite building. After emptying the clam bucket, one of the roofers reached into the bucket while another employee signaled the crane operator to close and lift the clam bucket. The employee's arm was caught in the bucket.	Citations issued.
318085818 9/29/16 St. Paul	Metal Heat Treating 332811 75	A furnace operator removed a basket of parts from a temper oven and placed the basket on a pump cart. The operator turned away from the cart and the basket of parts fell off the cart, striking the operator's foot.	Citation issued.
318086329 10/11/16 Le Sueur	Cheese Manufacturing 311513 945	A supervisor reached into an inspection port on a cheese cyclone to unclog cheese that was stuck in an automated auger. The auger started and the supervisor's arm became tangled in the auger.	Citations issued.
318086444 10/11/16 St. Cloud	Roofing Contractor 238160 16	A roofer was applying sheets of insulation on a roof when the roofer stepped on a rope, slipped and fell to the ground. The rope and grab mechanism wrapped around the roofer during the fall, which prevented the grab mechanism from locking.	Citation issued.

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318086352 9/10/16 St. Paul	Sheet Metal Work Mfg. 332322 109	An assembler was moving a clinch metal insertion press that was equipped with 4 metal caster at each of the press's lower four corners. One of the front casters broke off, causing the press to fall on and pin the assembler.	Citations issued.
318086824 10/14/16 Halma No Inspection	Potato Farming 111211 8	The spout of a grain cart auger struck a power pole that split into 3 pieces, causing the overhead energized powerlines to make contact with the grain cart. A combine operator sustained electrical burns on the hand, foot and back.	No inspection; farm exemption.
318086832 10/24/16 Oak Park Heights	Water, Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 7	A trench collapsed on two employees while they were installing a main sewer line.	Citations issued.
318086873 10/21/16 Montevideo	Specialized Freight Trucking, Local 484220 110	A mechanic was replacing a pump seal on an anhydrous ammonia tanker trailer. The mechanic began removing bolts from the pump and was sprayed with anhydrous ammonia.	Citations issued.
318086949 10/21/16 Lakeville	Roofing Contractor 238160 350	A foreman was sighting the placement of a fly rafter and was standing on the lower level roof using a 4' 2x6 toe board to get a better view. The toe board cracked in half causing the foreman to lose balance and fall off the edge of the roof.	Citation issued.

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318087509 11/3/16 Grygla	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 250	A transportation generalist was using a hand-held torch to get bituminous material to flow adequately from a nozzle. The material ignited and dripped into the main tank, causing vapors to ignite and burn the employee.	Citation issued.
318087723 11/12/16 White Bear Lake	Fluid Milk Mfg. 311511 3000	While a palletizer operator reached into a palletizer to mark rollers that needed to be replaced, the palletizer began moving the pallet and the operator's arm got caught in between a metal bar and the edge of the palletizer.	Citations issued.
318087822 11/10/16 Eden Valley	Wood Kitchen Cabinet & Countertop Mfg. 337110 28	Three cabinet makers were injured when a combustible dust explosion occurred at the baghouse of the dust collection system for the shop.	Citation issued.
318087921 11/10/16 Waseca	Farm Management Service 115116 210	An agricultural sampler was driving an ATV and attempted to cross an existing rut in the ground. The front wheel of the ATV pulled hard to the southwest following the rut and the sampler was thrown from the ATV.	No citations.
318087988 11/17/16 St. Paul	Linen Supply 812331 240	A laborer opened an access panel to an ironing machine, reached in and the machine cycled on the laborer's hand.	Citation issued.

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318088200 318088259 11/17/16 Minneapolis	Electrical Apparatus & Equipment, Wiring Supplies & Related Equipment Merchant Wholesaler 423610 35 Site Preparation Contractor 238910 62	An employee received an electric shock while disconnecting a buss bar.	Citation issued for the wholesaler and site prep contractor.
318088093 11/17/16 Forest Lake	Other Metal Container Manufacturing 332439 293	A tube bender was operating an end mill and while trying to clear scrap metal chips, the bender's hand was pulled into the mill.	Citation issued.
318088168 11/23/16 Rosemount	Other Heavy & Civil Engineering Constr. 237990 145	An equipment operator was removing dunnage from steel mats that were loaded onto a forklift. The forks settled and tilted slightly downward causing the mats to slip off the forks and hit the operator's leg.	Citations issued.
318088416 11/27/16 St. Paul No Inspection	Food Service Contractor 722310 12,185	A driver and passenger were traveling in a food catering truck at an airport when the driver drove the truck off the designated airfield roadway, through a lighted barrier and nose-first into the entrance/exit of a tunnel.	No inspection; State Patrol has jurisdiction.

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318088473 11/15/16 St. Paul	General Warehousing & Storage 493110 20	A forklift operator was moving materials with a forklift when the forklift tipped over, crushing the operator's foot.	Citations issued.
318088689 11/29/16 Winsted	Metal Coating, Engraving & Allied Services 332812 3000	A shift supervisor was assisting a co-worker at a galvanizing kettle when a piece of material fell from a hoist and into the kettle, splashing the supervisor with molten zinc.	Citations issued.
318089000 318090750 12/6/16 Long Prairie	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 45 Framing Contractor 238130 4	A foreman was taking photos for a daily report when trusses from the first floor swung down striking and pinning the foreman.	Citations issued to both employers.
318089315 12/16/16 Hawley	Poured Concrete Foundation & Structure Contractor 238110 22	An employee who was operating a gas power washer was exposed to carbon monoxide.	Citations issued.

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318089877 1/11/17 Dodge Center	Motor Vehicle Body Manufacturing 336211 13,000	A truck was in a baker when a line that was attached to the truck's natural gas cylinders blew off the fitting, filling the area with natural gas, which ignited and caused an explosion. Five employees were injured.	Citation issued.
318090297 1/19/17 Burnsville	Cut Stone & Stone Product Manufacturing 327991 80	A machinist was caught between a moving carriage and the electrical boxes on a polishing machine.	Citation issued.
318090958 1/27/17 Anoka	Small Arms Ammunition Manufacturing 332992 1800	An engineering technician was showing an adjuster how to operate a press, when the adjuster pressed the inch mode button, jogging the press and crushing the technician's fingers.	Citation issued.
318090891 1/4/17 Glencoe	Farm Machinery & Equipment Mfg. 333111 247	While using a press brake to bend cones, a metal operator made contact with the unguarded dies of the press, crushing several fingers.	Citation issued.
318090990 1/30/17 Winona	Metal Can Mfg. 332431 150	Two press operators were attempting to clear a jam in a punch press when one of the employees cycled the press while the other employee's hand was in the unguarded point of operation, resulting in the amputation of the employee's fingers.	Citations issued.

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318091238 2/2/17 Woodbury	Research & Development 541710 230	Three operators were removing a rotary valve at the bottom of a cyclone that contained a combustible dust. The rotary valve fell to the floor, severing a live electrical extension cord. At the same time, one of the operators lowered the lid to the cyclone allowing a small amount of combustible dust to fall from the cyclone, resulting in a flash fire.	Citations issued.
318091469 318092806 2/7/17 Hugo	Framing Contractor 238130 1 New Housing Operative Builder 236117 9	A framing contractor was working from a personnel basket attached to the forks a telehandler, applying sheathing to an exterior wall, when the telehandler tipped, causing the framer to fall 26 feet.	Citations issued to the framing contractor and no citations to the operative builder.
318091980 2/16/17 Norwood Young America	Other Automotive Mechanical & Electrical Repair & Maintenance 811118 163	A mechanic was under a trailer, fixing the brakes, when a truck driver drove the truck and trailer forward, causing the rear trailer axle to hit the mechanic.	Citations issued.
318092202 2/15/17 Bertha	Residential Remodeler 236118 4	A laborer was using a table saw to cross cut strips of wood flooring material when the laborer's hand contacted the saw blade.	Citations issued.

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318092525 2/17/17 Rochester	School & Employee Bus Transportation 485410 60,000	Three technicians were working on a propane fueled school bus when they smelled propane. While the technicians were evacuating the building, the propane ignited causing a garage door to hit one of the technicians.	Citations issued.
318092798 2/23/17 Plymouth	Metal Service Center & Merchant Wholesaler 423510 1500	A leveler operator was adjusting a stack of wood skids by hand when three skids fell off the top of the stack and struck the operator.	Citation issued.
318093390 3/7/17 Grand Rapids	Electric Power Distribution 221122 130	A lineman was ascending a pole to repair downed electrical wires and came in contact with live electrical parts.	Citations issued.
318093812 3/14/17 Motley	Fresh & Frozen Seafood Processing 311712 350	A mixer's forearm was pinched between a pivot wheel and a guide arm on a mixer.	Citation issued.

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318093879 318093820 3/16/17 Minneapolis	Employment Placement Agency 561311 1000 Brick, Stone & Related Construction Material Merchant Wholesaler 423320 282	A driver assistant and driver were carrying sheetrock up a stairwell when the assistant lost balance and fell to a concrete landing.	No citations to the employment placement agency; citations issued to the brick & stone wholesaler.
318093895 3/16/17 Dodge Center	Metal Service Center & Merchant Wholesaler 423510 550	A truck driver was unloading steel from a flatbed trailer when the driver lost balance and fell to a gravel parking lot.	No citations.
318094158 3/8/17 Staples	Rubber Product Mfg. 326291 74	A molder was working on a rubber molding press. While reaching into the press to retrieve a part, the press came down and burned the molder's hand.	Citations issued.
318094208 3/10/17 Winona	Sheet Metal Work Mfg. 332322 153	A sheet metal worker was operating an overhead hoist to lift coils of steel from the ground. The coils were double-stacked on the ground. While moving one coil, the other coils shifted, trapping the workers between the I-beam and the jig.	Citation issued.
318094703 3/31/17 Marshall	Electrical Contractor 238210 13	A foreman was connecting three neutral wires, when one of them was displaced. As the foreman reached for the neutral wire, the foreman made contact with a live wire and received electrical burns.	Citations issued.

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318094935 3/30/17 Golden Valley	All Other Specialty Trade Contractor 238990 500	A supervisor removed the floor mats of a truck to clean them while the truck was parked and idling. The supervisor put the mats back incorrectly, causing the mat to press the gas pedal to the floor. When the supervisor put the truck in reverse, it accelerated at a high speed and struck a laborer.	Citation issued.
318095007 3/31/17 Alexandria	Framing Contractor 238130 4	A laborer was inside a man basket attached to a forklift, working on the exterior of a barn. The laborer leaned against the metal door railing of the man basket, which opened outward, and the laborer fell 12 feet to the ground.	Citations issued.
318095320 4/7/17 Winsted	Rolled Steel Shape Mfg. 331221 340	A material handler was operating an overhung crane, with a two-leg chain with hooks, to change out the trays on a torch table. While the handler was moving the crane, one of the hooks caught the bottom of an I-beam on the torch table. When the hook released, it struck the handler who fell backwards onto a metal desk.	Citations issued.
318095692 4/14/17 Rice	Hydroelectric Power Generation 221111 1168	A line worker was working from the bucket of an aerial lift truck, re-hanging a power line when an arc flash occurred.	Citation issued.
318095783 4/18/17 St. Paul	Car Wash 811192 7000	A supervisor's arm was pinched in a conveyor.	Citations issued.

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318095809 4/20/17 Maplewood	All Other Basic Organic Chemical Mfg. 325199 80,000	A film and polymer technician was injured while performing startup operation on web handling equipment.	Citations issued.
318096039 318096203 4/20/17 St. Peter	Masonry Contractor 238140 50 Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 700	A mason laborer fell 22 feet from a ladder. The laborer was carrying a piece of equipment while descending a vertical ladder that was affixed to a four level supported frame scaffold system.	Citations issued to the masonry contractor; no citations to the commercial building employer.
318096088 4/24/17 Perham	Cheese Manufacturing 311513 497	A whey lead worker had transferred product from one silo to another and did not turn off the water pump. Several hours later, when the lead worker removed a clamp on the connection between the pump's outlet line and the silo's inlet line, the pressurized hot water sprayed out onto the worker, resulting in burns.	Citation issued.
318096252 5/2/17 Claremont	Ethyl Alcohol Mfg. 325193 34	A maintenance worker was attempting to replace a gasket on a 6 inch steam valve when steam leaked out of the pipe and burned the worker.	Citation issued.
318096336 4/28/17 Owatonna	Hardware Manufacturing 332510 400	A punch press operator was injured when the punch press came down on the operator's fingers which were in the point of operation.	Citation issued.

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318096880 5/10/17 Hutchinson	Coated & Laminated Paper Manufacturing 322222 36,000	A coater operator's hands were caught in the rollers on a coating machine. The operator was attempting to remove something on the roller that would cause a defect in the product.	Citation issued.
318096914 5/10/17 Rosemount	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 251	While workers were loading a demolition hammer onto a trailer, the hammer shifted and fell off of the forklift forks. The operating engineer stepped back to avoid getting hit by the hammer, tripped and fell backwards off of the trailer.	No citations.
318097144 318097128 5/15/17 Chaska	Finish Carpentry Contractor 238350 15 Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 30	Framers were installing stair treads and some of the treads were not yet attached. A foreman, unaware of the condition of the treads, ran up the stairs and fell through the stairs, 10 feet to an unfinished basement floor.	Citations issued to the carpentry contractor; no citations to the commercial building employer.
318096948 5/15/17 Glencoe	Water & Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 3	An excavation operator was in a trench to locate buried utilities when the wall of the excavation collapsed, pinning the operator.	Citations issued.

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318097185 318097458 5/17/17 St. Paul	Site Prep Contractor 238910 22 Industrial Building Construction 236210 18	Workers, two on foot and one operating a skid loader, were in the process of moving and spreading sand used to build a floor foundation. One of the laborers was bending over to rake sand as the operator was backing the skid loader and the skid loader struck the laborer.	Citation issued to site prep contractor; no citations to industrial building employer.
318097243 5/22/17 Richfield	Glass & Glazing Contractor 238150 29	A door installer was leaning against an unsecured rail while installing an exterior door on a 3rd floor apartment, when the railing gave way, causing the installer to fall approximately 20 feet to the ground level below.	Citations issued.
308097524 5/9/17 Elbow Lake	Grain & Field Bean Merchant Wholesaler 424510 13	A laborer was working from a cage that was lifted by a forklift. The laborer was taking a motor off a machine at a height of 8 feet. The cage was not connected to the forks. The cage slipped off of the forks and fell to the floor with the laborer still in the cage.	Citations issued.
318097698 5/24/17 Granada	Electric Power Distribution 221122 27	Line workers were replacing old power poles with new ones. While connecting wires, one of the line workers received an electric shock.	Citations issued.
318097748 5/25/17 Warroad	Wood Window & Door Manufacturing 321911 4778	A laborer was walking across an aisle way and was struck by a forklift.	Citation issued.

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318097870 5/19/17 Minneapolis	Other Warehousing & Storage 493190 9	A trailer mechanic was in the process of replacing part of the flooring in the 40' containers utilizing an acetylene/oxygen torch when his clothing caught on fire	Citations issued.
318098308 6/7/17 Coon Rapids	Masonry Contractor 238140 80	A mechanic was driving a ride-on power buggy and while backing up the buggy made contact with the front bumper of a 1 ton dump truck. The mechanic's leg was crushed between the bumper and the buggy's motor.	No citations.
318098456 6/12/17 Forest Lake	Iron & Steel Forging 332111 85	While setting up a forging press, a lead worker slipped causing the worker's right hand to land in the die set and left hand reaching towards the start button, causing the press to cycle on the worker's hand.	Citations issued.
318098480 6/14/17 Baxter	Water & Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 18	An equipment operator was cutting a horizontal sewer pipe, located in a wet excavation, when the operator's foot became stuck in the wet, sandy soil.	Citation issued.
318098530 6/11/17 Ramsey	Electric Power Distribution 221122 239	A line worker was stripping electric wires from downed power poles after a storm and received an electrical shock from a three-phase line rated at 7,200 volts.	Citations issued.

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318098829 318098837 6/5/17 Bloomington	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 30 Electrical Contractors & Other Wiring Installation Contractors 238210 3	An electrician was pulling fiber optic line through a pole. The electrician grabbed other electrical lines that were in the pole to move them out of the way to create a path for the fiber optic line and was electrically shocked.	Citation issued to the commercial building construction employer; no citations to electrical contractor.
318098662 318100666 6/16/17 Chanhassen	Landscaping Services 561730 1 Landscaping Services 561730 4	A tree trimmer was attempting to clear a tree that had been pinned by several adjacent trees. After making a cut, the tree snapped and struck the trimmer.	No citations for both employers.
318098738 6/10/17 Bloomington	Full-Service Restaurant 722511 50,000	A line cook was reaching into a cooler and suffered an electric shock.	Citations issued.
318098951 6/22/17 Rushmore	Other General Government Support 921190 25	A crew chief was driving a skid-steer loader from a ditch to the road and the loader tipped straight backward and landed upside down.	Citation issued.

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318099058 6/15/17 Wabasha	Sheet Metal Work Mfg. 332322 43	A press operator was in the process of bending metal pieces on a hydraulic press brake, when a piece slipped off the backstop and the operator's left hand went into the point of operation as the press cycled.	Citations issued.
318099199 6/27/17 Owatonna	Power & Communication Line & Related Structures Construction 237130 160	A technician was preparing to test a transformer when an arc flash occurred, burning the technician's arm and face.	Citations issued.
318100120 7/19/17 Becker	Fossil Fuel Electric Power Generation 221112 10,000	Three employees went to a breaker room to investigate a tripped breaker. When they entered the breaker room, an arc flash and explosion occurred.	Citations issued.
318100799 7/27/17 Bloomington	Wired Telecommunication Carrier 517110 300	A concrete sealer had been applied to newly poured concrete slabs in an outdoor courtyard area that is located in close proximity to the fresh air intakes. Customer service employees began feeling sick and were eventually evacuated.	No citations.
318100849 7/25/17 Worthington	Prefabricated Wood Building Mfg. 321992 3900	A production worker, who was cutting underlayment, fell from the roof of a manufactured home to a cement floor below.	Citation issued.

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318101243 8/4/17 Glenwood	Electric Power Distribution 221122 67	A journeyman lineman was in a bucket of an aerial device working on a transformer when the lineman felt a sudden jolt. The aerial device, including the bucket, fell vertically to the ground.	Citation issued.
318101326 8/8/17 Savage	Tire Retreading 326212 1500	A building maintenance employee was attempting to remove de-energized electrical conductors from an electrical breaker panel, when the employee inadvertently contacted a section of the energized electrical breaker panel, resulting in an arc flash and burns to the employee.	Citations issued.
318101391 8/9/17 Princeton	Other Foundation, Structure & Building Exterior Contractor 238190 6	A general contractor was installing clear poly on a roof and slipped and fell 14'5" to the ground.	Citation issued.
318101789 8/14/17 Winnebago	Ethyl Alcohol Mfg. 325193 42	A maintenance worker climbed up a fixed ladder to a platform to check cyclones for an air permit. The worker stepped on a piece of grating, the grating slipped off the edge that was supporting it and the worker fell 32' through the opening.	Citation issued.
318101896 8/18/17 Austin	Animal Slaughtering 311611 1280	A driver was operating a motorized pallet jack and attempted to make a right turn and drive down the vehicle aisle. As the driver attempted to make the turn, another driver of a propane-powered forklift backed up and struck the driver of the pallet jack.	Citation issued.

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318101953 8/22/17 St. Paul	Iron Foundry 331511 84	A worker's arm was trapped in a machine.	Citation issued.
318103199 9/12/17 Cloquet	Roofing Contractor 238160 100	A supervisor was bagging roofing material while standing on concrete decking. A plank broke free and the supervisor fell 24 feet to the ground.	Citation issued.
318103835 8/8/17 Bird Island	Soybean Farming 111110 19	A field worker was driving a 4-wheeler that rolled and landed on the worker.	Citations issued.
318103892 9/21/17 Austin	Meat Processed from Carcasses 311612 19,500	A general shipping employee was operating a stand-up forklift in the shipping area and the employee's left foot was caught between a concrete slab and the forklift.	Citation issued.
318104080 9/21/17 Moorhead	Electric Power Distribution 221122 67	Electricians were activating breakers at a substation when an explosion occurred.	No citations.

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318104064 318104122 9/26/17 Brooklyn Park	Electrical Contractors & Other Wiring Installation Contractors 238210 85 Electrical Contractors & Other Wiring Installation Contractors 238210 85	An electrician was pulling a ground wire out of a gear when an arc flash occurred.	Citations issued for one contractor and none for the other.