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Work Site City			
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.

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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.	Case open.
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.	No inspection; farm exemption.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.

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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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.

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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.	Case open.
11/17/16 Forest Lake	Other Metal Container Manufacturing 332439 293	A tube bender was operating an end mill while wearing gloves and the bender's hand was pulled into the mill.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
11/27/16 St. Paul	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.	Case open.

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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.	Case open.
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.	Case open.
12/6/16 Long Prairie	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 45	A foreman was taking photos for a daily report when trusses from the first floor swung down striking and pinning the foreman.	Case open.
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.	Case open.