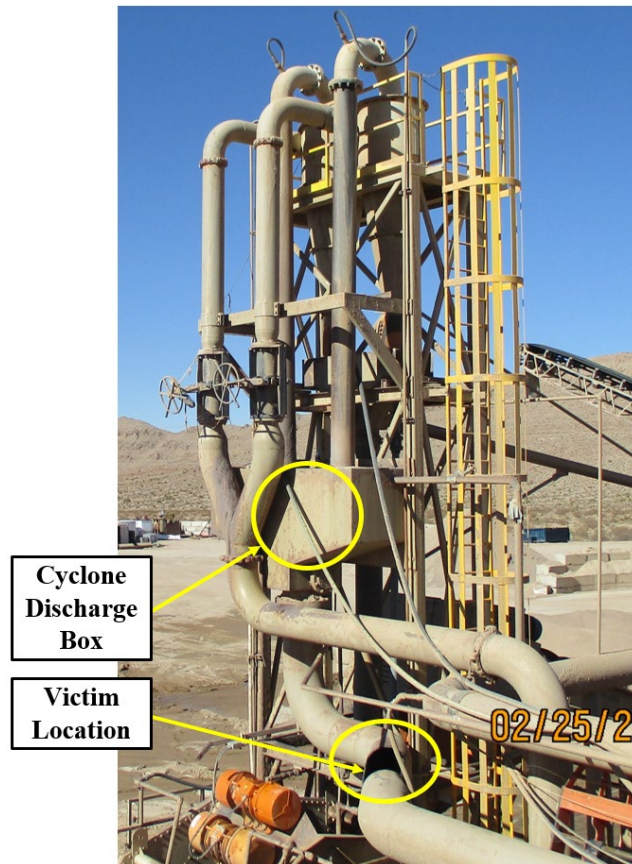


Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On Feb. 25, 2021, a 26-year old plant operator died after entering a cyclone discharge box. The local fire department recovered the victim lodged in an 18-inch wide discharge pipe that was full of water.



Best Practices

- **Wear a fall protection harness, properly tie off to a permanent support structure, and attach a lifeline** when entering a bin or other confined space. Have a second person monitor the lifeline to make sure there is no slack in the fall protection system.
- **Use personnel lifts or ladders** to safely access elevated work areas.
- **Always use fall protection** when there's a potential fall hazard.
- **Examine work areas and equipment.** Report defects and do not use unsafe work equipment.
- **Assess risks and hazards** before beginning maintenance activities.
- **Train miners** to safely perform their tasks and properly use their personal protective equipment.

This is the fifth fatality reported in 2021, and the first classified as “Slip or Fall of Person.”

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