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THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

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OSHA Slaps Louisiana Company for Trench Death, Violations

As paramedics rescued a construction worker trapped under dirt from a trench collapse, his co-worker, 24-year-old Isidro Martinez, was not as fortunate.

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Temporary workers more likely to die on the job

Temporary employees, on any given day, have double the risk of dying at work. What's more, it's more likely for temp workers to die on the first day, first week or first month on the job.

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USMWF’S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK!!!



Nick Rouskey, 61

Nick was killed on the job in December 2011 while working for Broadcast Services Tower and Antenna in Cape Coral, FL. He was electrocuted performing maintenance on a when a tower.

Federal OSHA investigated the incident and proposed no fines or penalties. The Case is closed. This photo was sent in by his wife, Kathleen Rouskey

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OSHA Video Focuses on Temporary Worker Safety



WASHINGTON – Both host employers and staffing firms are responsible for protecting temporary workers, OSHA administrator David Michaels stresses in a recently released video.

Temporary employees frequently change worksites numerous times a year, putting them at greater risk for injury. These workers often are inadequately trained to identify hazards and unaware of safety measures, Michaels said in the video.

Host employers should treat temporary workers the same as their own workers, Michaels added. While staffing firms are obligated to offer general safety training, host employers must provide site-specific training.

Click the video above to watch and you can [READ MORE](#)

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THANK YOU.....

USMWF would like to thank all that nominated USMWF for the FIRESPRING grant. We are very excited to announce today that we received notice today that we earned a grant for printing, website and IT assistance.

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"That (handrail) was not constructed or placed by Brock – it was placed on a fixed structure, it was not on scaffolding," Johnson said. "I can't say who put it in place, (but) I know it was not something our people at Brock had put in place."

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