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318086048 10/8/16 Alvarado	Site Preparation Contractor 238910 25	A laborer was installing a drain pipe in an excavation when the wall of the excavation collapsed onto the laborer.	Citations issued.
318086139 318086097 318086113 10/7/16 Plymouth	Framing Contractor 238130 1 Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 5 Framing Contractor 238130 1	A carpenter was installing roof sheathing and fell to the ground.	No citations.

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10/25/16 Blaine	General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, Truckload 484121 7 Other Commercial & Industrial Machine & Equipment Rental & Leasing 532490 21	A forklift operator and truck driver were unloading pipes from a flatbed trailer, using a forklift. One of the pipes fell off of the trailer and struck and killed the truck driver who had been loosening the straps that were holding the pipes.	Case open.
318087566 11/4/16 Red Wing No Inspection	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors 238990 40	A skid steer loader operator was found unconscious in the loader.	No inspection; not work-related.
318088424 11/23/16 Roseville	Other Services to Buildings & Dwellings 561790 2	A loader operator and pickup truck operator were plowing snow from a parking lot. The loader operator got out of the loader, talked to the truck operator through the driver's side and proceeded to return to the loader. The truck operator put the truck in reverse, but when the truck operator accelerated, the truck lurched forward. The truck operator attempted to hit the brakes and inadvertently pushed on the gas pedal instead, striking and pinning the loader operator.	No citations.

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318088614 11/25/16 Eden Prairie No Inspection	Home Centers 444110 333,000	A lot associate was helping a customer carry purchases to the customer's car and the associates head was hit by the trunk of the car. The associate died the next day, but the cause was not work-related.	No inspection; not work-related.
318089471 1/1/17 Shakopee	Malt Manufacturing 311213 146	A process operator became entangled in the rotation scrapers of a machine used to move grain either to the center or to the outside of the vessel during loading and unloading operations.	Citations issued.
318089760 12/27/16 Cottage Grove	General Freight Trucking, Long- Distance, Truckload 484121 1	A truck driver slipped and fell just outside of a warehouse.	No citations.
318092244 2/15/17 Lakeville	Commercial & Industrial Machinery & Equipment 811310 3	A technician was under a forklift, repairing a transmission unit, when the floor jack shot out from under the forklift and the forklift fell onto the technician.	Citation issued.
318092343 2/15/17 Minnetonka No Inspection	General Freight Trucking, Long- Distance, Truckload 484121 1	A truck driver was unloading pipes and was crushed by pipes that fell off of the trailer.	No inspection; no employer/employee relationship.

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318093358 2/28/17 Freeport	Poured Concrete Foundation & Structure Contractor 238110 2	A skid loader operator drowned when the skid loader broke through the ice that covered an abandoned manure pit.	No citations.
3/22/17 Woodbury	All Other Misc. Waste Mgmt. Services 562998 200	A crew leader became entangled in a piece of sewer lining equipment.	Case open.
318096385 5/5/17 Burnsville	Home Center 444110 58,300	A forklift operator was moving pallets of wood with a forklift. While raising the forks, the operator turned the forklift and the forklift tipped over.	Citation issued.
318098118 6/5/17 East Grand Forks	New Single-Family Housing Constr. 236115 25	A framer was laying plywood sheathing on floor joists above a garage and fell between the trusses, landing on the concrete floor below.	Citation issued.
318100716 7/19/17 Ely	All Other Misc. Schools & Instruction 611699 152	A facilities assistant was descending a ladder that was positioned on a 4:12 sloped roof when the feet of the ladder slid out causing the assistant to fall to the roof surface below and then from the lower roof section an additional 8' 9" to the ground below.	Citations issued.

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318100260 318100674 7/21/17 Willmar	Framing Contractor 238130 6 Other Building Material Dealer 444190 60	A carpenter was installing trusses and was struck by a falling truss.	Citation issued to framing contractor; no citations to other employer.
318100773 7/24/17 Rochester No Inspection	Poured Concrete Foundation & Structure Contractor 238110 6	A concrete pourer was found unresponsive on the ground.	No inspection; not work-related.
318100526 6/30/17 Callaway No Inspection	Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming 112111 3	A trench collapsed on a farm worker while the worker was installing a water line.	No inspection; family farm exemption.
318100583 318100567 7/27/17 Farmington	Temporary Help Service 561320 40 Farm Machinery & Equipment Mfg. 333111 1000	A machine operator was transferring a 45' aluminum pole when another 45' pole broke free and ejected from a tapering machine and hit the pole being transferred. The pole being transferred struck the machine operator in the head.	No citations to temporary help service; citation issued to farm equipment manufacturer.

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318100823 7/31/17 Minnesota City	Water, Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 7	A laborer was checking a dump truck to determine if repair work had been made when the box of the dump truck was unexpectedly lowered, causing the laborer's head to be crushed between the box of the dump truck and the lower metal frame.	Citations issued.
8/2/17 Minneapolis	Elementary & Secondary Schools 611110 100 Plumbing, Heating & Air-Conditioning Contractor 238220 100 Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas 486210 7903	Mechanical workers were moving a gas meter when an explosion occurred.	Case open.
318101359 1/19/17 St. Cloud No Inspection	Hotels & Motels 721110 170	A maintenance manager sustained a staph infection in January 2017 and died in March.	No inspection; not work-related.

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318103298 9/12/17 Milan	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 3	While grading a dirt road, an equipment operator drove the grader over railroad tracks and stopped on the tracks. A freight train travelling southbound struck the grader.	Citation issued.