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Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Abstract of an Accident

99-01

ACCIDENT TYPE: Fall, Different Level
INJURY: Broken Left Ankle
TYPE OF WORK: Masonry Hod Carrier
EQUIPMENT: N/A

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCIDENT:

Masonry hod carrier on work platform with his back toward the tubular metal guard rail stood up, lost his balance, and fell between the guardrail (21') to the ground. While falling he grabbed the tubular metal rail at the second level work platform which caused him to fall upright hitting the ground with his left foot.

DIRECT CAUSE:

- ◆ Brick debris on work/material platform restricting clear access to and from the ladder.
- ◆ Poor housekeeping and obstructed access path on the work/material platform.
- ◆ Inattention and Unsafe Position.

INDIRECT CAUSE:

- ◆ Inadequate site specific safety plan.
- ◆ Inadequate supervision and quality assurance.

LESSONS LEARNED:

- ◆ Subcontractor's site-specific safety plan needs to address the requirements for safe access to the platform from a side step or a through fixed ladder.
- ◆ Subcontractor's site-specific safety plan needs to include good housekeeping on work/material platform.

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