

Fatality Accident - Dredge Operation

The Oklahoma mining community lost one of its own in an accident on August 14, 2010. An employee at Southwestern State Sand Corp., a sand dredge operation in Tillman County, drowned at the end of his shift while attempting to retrieve the transport boat. The individual was not wearing a life jacket.

This unfortunate incident stresses the importance of wearing a life jacket where there is a danger of falling into deep water. (OS 45.11§ 917.6) It should also be noted that a person can drown in water of any depth and that no one should ever enter water without a properly fitting life jacket.

An investigation is currently underway and the Oklahoma Department of Mines will issue a report upon its conclusion.