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OSHA opens investigation after man dies at Centre County construction site

The federal agency that oversees workplace safety launched an investigation after a worker died Monday at a construction site in Spring Township, a spokesperson wrote in an email Tuesday. Anthony Laterzo, 27, received a fatal electric shock after an excavator struck an overhead power line, an Occupational Safety and Health Administration spokesperson wrote. County coroner Scott Sayers wrote in a news release that Laterzo was standing in a ditch when the electricity traveled through the equipment and into the ground. He died of high voltage electrocution, Sayers wrote. His death was ruled accidental.

Laterzo, of Clearfield County, was digging trenches about 1 p.m. Monday for sewer lines at a new housing development along the 500 block of Rolling Ridge Drive, township police Chief Adam Salyards said. He worked for Abel Construction Company, the OSHA spokesperson wrote. The company, which has no prior inspection history, declined comment.