Emergency Wash Stations Fatality File

Employee Struck by Hot Liquid and Steam, Later Dies

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on March 23, 2007, Employee #1 was working from a scissor lift installing insulation around a section of 6-in. pipe approximately 15 ft in the air. An upset in the system caused hot liquid and steam to erupt from a pipe approximately 13 ft behind and above Employee #1. Employee #1 was engulfed in the liquid and jumped from the scissor lift. Employee #1 was wearing a full body harness with a lanyard attached to the railing. As Employee #1 hung from the harness, his foreman was able to grab him by his legs while Employee #1 unhooked the harness from the lanyard. Employee #1 was taken to an emergency shower and was transported by ambulance to the hospital. Employee #1 was transferred to the burn unit with burns over 87 percent of his body. Employee #1 died at approximately 8:30 p.m. on March 24, 2007, as a result of the burns.