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317870608 10/1/14 St. Peter	Executive Offices 921110 80	While clearing debris around a disconnect switch at the main substation, a utility worker sustained electric shock injuries.	Citation issued.
317870640 10/1/14 Winona	Construction Machinery Manufacturing 333120 33	An assembler was removing three 20-amp fuses in a switch disconnect when an arc flash occurred.	Citations issued.
317883429 10/6/14 Eden Prairie	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 215	A supervisor's thumbs were caught between sheets of metal that shifted while being suspended from a crane.	Citation issued.
317870897 9/30/14 Belgrade	Custom Architectural Woodwork & Millwork Manufacturing 337212 10,000	A carpenter was ripping plywood sheets when the employee's hand came down on the unguarded saw blade.	Citation issued.
317887867 10/17/14 Willmar	Poultry Processing 311615 4500	Twenty-four employees were taken to the hospital with coughing, vomiting and difficulty breathing symptoms.	No citations.
317887958 10/8/14 Rush City	Dairy Cattle & Milk Production 112120 18	A shop and field worker was using a pinch bar to replace a chain on a manure spreader when the pinch bar flew out and struck the worker in the head.	Citations issued.

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317898237 10/18/14 Minneapolis	Wired Telecommunications Carrier 517110 45148	A network technician fell 14 feet from an extension ladder.	No citations.
317898310 10/8/14 Austin	Electric Power Distribution 221122 91	A journey line worker fell 25 feet while climbing a utility pole during a training session.	No citations.
317911493 317908481 11/5/14 Edina	Temporary Help Service 561320 700,000 Surgical Appliance & Supplies Mfg 339113 8000	While milling a piece of plastic, a machinist adjusted the plastic and the machinist's fingers came in contact with an unguarded, rotating fly-cutter bit.	No citations to temporary service employer; citation issued to manufacturer.
317911584 317911592 11/15/14 Grand Rapids	Solid Waste Collection 562111 20 Solid Waste Collection 562111 200	A site attendant was lighting a fire in a wood stove using lighter fluid, resulting in burns to the attendant's hands and face.	Citations issued to first employer; no citations to general contractor employer.

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317911840 11/19/14 Le Roy No Inspection	Corn Farm 111150 4	A farm worker's foot was caught in an auger.	No inspection – family farm exemption.
317937811 12/15/14 Norwood Young America	Farm Machinery & Equipment Mfg. 333111 107	While operating a large band saw, a saw operator was caught between the shuttle and the table.	Citations issued.
317937969 12/10/14 Owatonna	Sign Manufacturing 339950 22	A master electrician fell from the roof of a building while accessing the roof to install light strips around the roof's perimeter.	Citations issued.
317949923 12/18/14 Minneapolis	Iron & Steel Pipe & Tube Mfg. from Purchased Steel 331210 600	While cleaning a mill, a maintenance mechanic's hand made contact with a spinning axial fan.	Citations issued.
317951531 1/9/15 St. Michael	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 690	While removing a bolt from a damaged street sign, a sign technician was struck in the face by the sign post.	No citations.

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317951598 1/5/15 Hibbing	Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Contractor 238220 2	A service technician was using an acetylene torch to replace a geothermal compressor when oil sprayed from the compressor and ignited resulting in burns to the technician.	Citations issued.
317951689 1/13/15 North Mankato	Commercial Lithographic Printing 323110 350	A warehouse manager was attending a meeting and collapsed.	No citations.
317951705 1/15/15 Mankato	Elevator & Moving Stairway Mfg. 333921 205	A laser operator was placing sheet metal onto a cantilever rack when the rack tipped over and fell onto the operator.	Citations issued.
317951796 1/15/15 Minneapolis	Roofing, Siding & Insulation Material Merchant Wholesaler 423330 251	A warehouse worker was cutting trim material with a miter saw when the worker's sleeve and arm got caught in the rotating blade.	Citations issued.
317957892 1/19/15 St. Paul	Commercial & Industrial Machinery & Equipment 811310 99	A technician was servicing a temperature control unit on top of a truck. The technician was standing on an unguarded platform, lost footing and fell over 9 feet to a concrete floor.	Citations issued.

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2/3/15 Brooklyn Center	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 351	A laborer was accessing a scaffold from an extension ladder. The employee slipped and fell 20 feet to a concrete floor.	Case open.
317963031 1/30/15 Cambridge	Gasoline Engine & Engine Parts Mfg. 336312 25	An assembly foreman entered an operating robot cage through a small gap. The open gripper of the robot hit and pushed the foreman's head and pinned it against the polishing machine.	Citations issued.
317963080 1/15/15 Minneapolis	Food Product Machinery Manufacturing 333294 58	A business development manager was removing solids (corn starch) from a feeder in order to prepare the machine for use with a different solid material. While the machine was running, the manager reached into the feeder's hopper to push away some of the solids, when the manager's hand became caught between the rotating agitator in the hopper and the hopper's side wall.	Citation issued.
317963304 317963023 2/9/15 St. Paul	Temporary Help Services 561320 4469 Construction Machinery Manufacturing 333120 315	A mechanic was working in the cab of a cement truck and fell while exiting the cab.	No citations to either employer.

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317963288 1/30/15 Rogers	General Line Grocery Merchant Wholesaler 424410 6000	A maintenance engineer was replacing a light fixture while working from an eight foot fiberglass step ladder and contacted an energized conductor. The engineer received an electrical shock and fell off the ladder.	Citations issued.
317963296 1/30/15 Bloomington	Electrical Contractors & Other Wiring Installation Contractors 238210 74	An electrician, elevated about 18 feet above ground on a scissors lift, was replacing burned out light bulbs at light fixtures on the ceiling of a distribution warehouse. While the electrician was driving the lift down a ramp, the lift became unstable and tipped over.	Citations issued.
317963312 10/14/15 Alexandria	All Other Misc. Food Manufacturing 311999 1200	A maintenance worker was changing out seals on valves. The valve the worker was attempting to repair was connected to an actuator. As the worker grabbed the valve, the actuator was disconnected, causing the valve to close on the worker's finger.	Citation issued.
317963346 2/6/05 Hermantown	Residential Remodeler 236118 17	A mechanic was pumping air into the tire of a front end loader when the tire rim flew off and hit the employee.	Citations issued.
317963460 2/19/15 La Crescent	Commercial & Industrial Machinery & Equipment 811310 21	A refrigeration technician and another employee were moving a cooler that was positioned on two flat 4-wheel dollies. The back dolly got stuck on the door sill. The cooler continued to move out of the door, sliding across the top of the back dolly. When it got past the wheels on the front edge of the back dolly, the dolly flipped up crushing one of the technician's fingers between the cooler and the dolly.	No citations.

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317965507 2/18/15 Long Prairie	Animal (except poultry) Slaughtering 311611 4000	A split saw lead worker was injured while splitting beef carcasses with a saw when the saw blade came out of the blade guides. The worker put the blade back on the guides and the saw began to run, cutting the worker.	Citation issued.
317965556 2/9/15 Duluth	Corrugated & Solid Fiber Box Manufacturing 322211 15	A saw operator cut their fingers while cutting cardboard with a table saw.	Citations issued.
317965846 2/20/15 St. Paul	Other Aircraft Parts & Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing 336413 3500	While carrying a large fixture, a tool maker stumbled and fell. The fixture landed on the tool maker's hand.	Citation issued.
317965945 2/19/15 Cloquet	Paper (except Newsprint) Mill 322121 3846	Two color kitchen operators were using a hose, made up of two long sections joined together by a metal coupler, to transport slurry from a truck to the mill. Steam had built up inside the hose and when the operators released the dog ears of the coupling holding the hose sections together, the two sections blew apart releasing steam that burned one of the operators.	Citations issued.
317966562 2/26/15 Eden Prairie	Secondary School 611110 1444	A food service employee's hand was caught between two dough rollers while cleaning the rollers.	Citations issued.

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317977007 3/4/15 St. Paul	Residential Property Managers 531311 331	A trash compactor was equipped with an infra-red beam that automatically activated the ram of the trash compactor when trash accumulated inside of the hopper to prevent an overload of the hopper. A maintenance technician was cleaning the lens of the infra-red beam when the ram cycled, cutting the technician's finger.	Citation issued.
317977379 3/13/15 Minneapolis	Meat & Meat Product Merchant Wholesaler 424470 70	A water heater and associated ventilation piping at the work facility failed. Due to the venting and strong southerly winds, carbon monoxide was pushed back into the building, resulting in carbon monoxide poisoning of 4 cleaning crew employees.	Citations issued.
317977429 3/13/15 St. James	Meat Processed from Carcasses 311612 505	A robot operator was clearing a jammed cardboard box on a box conveyor system while standing on an 8' A-frame ladder. The operator lost balance, reached out towards the conveyor system and the operator's finger got caught in a pinch point in a box folding component.	Citations issued.
317978542 3/27/15 St. Peter	Boat Building 336612 195	A hull prep worker was riveting an aluminum metal piece and the worker's finger was caught in the point of operation.	Citations issued.
317978872 3/23/15 Winona	Nonferrous Die-Casting Foundry 331522 57	A production worker was reaching over a furnace to change the plunger in a die-casting machine when flames from the furnace shot out and the worker's shirt caught fire, resulting in burns to the worker's torso and arm.	Citations issued.

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317979425 4/13/15 Blaine	Wood Kitchen Cabinet & Countertop Mfg. 337110 7	A cabinet maker severed several fingers while operating a tilting arbor saw that was not equipped with a splitter/anti-kickback device.	Citations issued.
317979698 4/15/15 Duluth	Aircraft Manufacturing 336411 572	A crew chief was servicing an airplane and was found pinned between the back of the co-pilot seat and the door hinge and door frame.	Citations issued.
317979995 4/16/15 International Falls	Paper Mill 322121 1622	A kiln field operator was burned by black liquor in the power recovery area.	Citation issued.
317980225 317980217 4/22/15 Hibbing	Electrical Contractor 238210 11 Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 40	A foreman was installing an electric meter into the meter base. As the foreman approached the meter base with the meter in hand, an arc flash occurred and the foreman sustained burns.	Citations issued to electrical contractor; no citations to commercial building constructor.
317980340 4/22/15 Fergus Falls	Institutional Furniture Manufacturing 337127 479	A machine operator was operating a CNC router when a piece of material became loose. While the router was still operating, the operator tried to remove the piece and the operator's arm was caught between the upright frame and moving table.	Citation issued.

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317980407 4/24/15 Blue Earth	Other Measuring & Controlling Device Mfg. 334519 90	A machine operator's hand was caught in a pinch point when the operator tried to remove a cup that was lodged in a pouching machine.	Citation issued.
317991222 4/29/15 Sebeka No Inspection	Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming 112111 4	A farm hand was on horseback, pursuing a calf and was thrown from the horse.	No inspection – farm exemption.
317992352 5/6/15 Cohasset	Recyclable Material Merchant Wholesaler 423930 8	A yard operator was using a shear attached to an excavator to cut a propane tank. When the operator squeezed the tank with the shear, the propane tank exploded.	Citations issued.
317992576 5/21/15 Coon Rapids	Search, Detection, Navigation . . . System & Instrument Mfg. 334511 10000	An engineer removed the top panel of calibrating equipment and the cooling fan within the machine amputated the end of the engineer's finger.	Citation issued.
317992691 317992444 5/21/15 Rochester	Temporary Help Service 561320 70 Refrigerated Warehouse & Storage 493120 400	A sanitation worker was cleaning an industrial cheese blender. The employee conducted a final rinse of the front area, with the discharge door open and the auger rotating. The employee's fingers broke the plane of the door opening and one of the employee's fingers was caught in the rotating auger.	No citations to temporary help service; citations issued to refrigerated warehouse & storage employer.

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317993327 5/18/15 5/20/15 St. Anthony	Other Snack Food Mfg. 311919 55	An operator was cleaning a clogged screen on an extruder when a butterfly valve opened, amputating one of the operator's fingers. In a separate incident, two sanitation workers were cleaning ducts and pumps on a grinder. The first worker was cleaning the inside of a pump by hand when the second worker activated the pump injuring the first worker's fingers.	Citations issued.
317993079 317993087 5/21/15 West St. Paul	Temporary Help Service 561320 175 All Other Misc. Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing 332999 163	A machine operator's finger was amputated while the operator was drilling parts on a drill press.	No citations to temporary help service; citations issued to manufacturer.
317993111 6/2/15 Alexandria	Support Activities for Animal Production 115210 35	A laborer was using a vertical band saw to cut carp into cubes when the laborer's finger contacted the saw blade.	Citations issued.
317993384 5/15/15 St. Louis Park Notified 6/4/15	Full-Service Restaurant 722110 2000	A cook was relighting a pilot light on a commercial wok range. The pilot light had been extinguished during routine cleaning between usages and the main burner valve had been left in the open position. A large flash fire occurred that resulted in burns to the cook's face and left hand.	Citation issued.

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317993376 5/7/15 Lake City	Other Farm Product Raw Material Merchant Wholesaler 424590 360	A truck driver was emptying the tender of a fertilizer delivery truck. The driver climbed the access steps to the truck and attempted to step across a distance of 3 inches and a rise of 14 inches to the platform at the base of the tender ladder when the driver fell between 28 and 42 inches to the ground.	No citations.
317993582 6/5/15 Minneapolis	Electrical Contractor & Other Wiring Installation Contractor 238210 200	A derrick operator and laborer were moving a light pole. The pole was hanging parallel to the ground. One end was held by a sling attached to the boom of the derrick and the other end was held by the derrick claw. The laborer was straddling the light pole at the end held by the sling. The operator released the claw causing the opposite end to rise up, in a seesaw fashion, and the laborer straddling the pole was thrown and landed on a concrete sidewalk.	Citation issued.
317993590 6/9/15 New Ulm	Tire Dealer 441320 1000	A service technician was servicing a tire when the tire separated from the rim and the rim struck the technician's head.	Citations issued.
317993632 317993640 6/5/15 Burnsville	Temporary Help Service 561320 2000 Custom Architectural Woodwork & Millwork Manufacturing 337212 4	A custom wood worker sustained laceration and partial amputation injuries to the worker's hand while cutting wood on an unguarded table saw.	Citations issued to both employers.

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317993699 6/4/15 Plymouth	General Line Grocery Merchant Wholesaler 424410 22,000	While retrieving product from a cooler, a customer solutions coordinator fell, breaking a knee cap on the concrete floor.	No citations.
317993988 6/16/15 Webster No Inspection	Specialized Freight Trucking, Local 484220 1	An owner's leg was fractured while the owner was unloading concrete culverts from a semi-trailer.	No inspection – the owner is the sole employee
317994291 6/21/15 Albert Lea	Ethyl Alcohol Mfg. 325193 450	Two maintenance technicians and a boiler operator sustained burns from an explosion in the dryer area.	Citations issued.
317994457 6/19/15 Shakopee	Amusement & Theme Park 713110 5000	While attempting to pick up a bin next to a french fryer, a food service associate's hand slipped and went into the fryer, spraying hot grease on the associate.	Citation issued.
317995611 7/7/15 Duluth	Framing Contractor 238130 290	The roof trusses of a one-story structure collapsed, injuring three employees.	Citations issued.
317995660 7/10/15 Minneapolis	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Merchant Wholesaler 424480 259	A sanitation crew member was cleaning an inclined belt conveyor while it was still in operation. While cleaning the conveyor, the crew member's hands became entangled in the shaft and gear area that powers the conveyor.	Citations issued.

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317996098 7/13/15 St. Peter	Residential Mental Health & Substance Abuse Facility 623220 6431	A security counselor was physically attacked by a patient.	Citations issued.
317996346 7/20/15 Brooklyn Center	Commercial & Industrial Building Construction 236220 26	While laborers were installing skylights on a roof, a supervisor fell 25 feet through an unsupported section of a metal roof.	Citation issued.
317996221 7/14/15 Minneapolis	Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas 486210 8800	A welder, who was holding a welding gun in close proximity to his ear to listen for the shield gas while pulling the trigger, received a shock from contact with live parts of the welding equipment.	Citation issued.
317996429 7/20/15 Plymouth	General Line Grocery Merchant Wholesaler 424410 17,000	A night order selector was walking alongside a pallet jack and got caught between the pallet jack and the pallets, resulting in a crushed ankle/foot.	No citations.
317996452 7/21/15 Geneva	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 300	A laborer was walking alongside a belt placer when the laborer stepped in front of the belt placer and got a foot caught under the 14 inch wide track.	No citations.

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317996494 7/24/15 St. Cloud	Commercial Lithographic Printing 323110 367	An employee's hand was caught and crushed between rollers.	Citation issued.
317996544 7/26/15 Bloomington	Residential Property Manager 531311 404	An employee was getting down from a moving truck, fell and broke both ankles.	No citations.
317996650 7/22/15 Fairmont	Admin. of Air, Water Resources & Solid Waste Management Programs 924110 99	An operator rushed to close the valve of a polymer mixing tank, slipped and hit his head.	Citations issued.
317996734 7/30/15 Rosemount	Executive Office 921110 3300	A police officer was driving a motorcycle on a training course, entered a curve and lost control.	No citations.
317996874 7/29/15 Windom	Animal Slaughtering 311611 280	While checking the wiring on a conveyor, a mechanic's arm was pulled into the unguarded top roller and belt of the conveyor.	Citation issued.
317996932 7/30/15 Fairmont	General Medical & Surgical Hospital 622110 10,000	A carpenter was using glue to attach a countertop to a desk when the carpenter was overcome by the fumes and collapsed.	Citations issued.

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318007564 8/3/15 Forest Lake	Other Misc. Fabricated Metal Product Mfg. 332999 9	A production employee was operating a stamping press and the employee's hand was caught in the point of operation during the downward portion of the machine cycle.	Citations issued.
318018587 8/17/15 St. Paul	General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, Less Than Truckload 484122 500	Two mechanics parked their utility truck next to a maintenance vehicle to repair the vehicle's mirror. A driver from a separate company was backing a trailer and hit the maintenance vehicle, pinning one mechanic between the maintenance vehicle and utility truck.	Citation issued.
318008240 8/16/15 Lake Crystal	Fire Protection 922160 25	A firefighter fell 10 feet from a stairway while carrying a canopy tent with another co-worker. The firefighter leaned over the edge of the rail to get around the corner and fell over the top rail.	Citation issued.
318018561 7/7/15 Becker	Fossil Fuel Electric Power Generation 221112 10,000	Two general plant helpers were on an all-terrain vehicle, one employee was driving and the other was a passenger. The driver swerved to hit a puddle to splash the passenger, when the vehicle rolled towards the driver's side and ended on its roof. One employee was injured.	No citations.
318018751 8/26/15 Plymouth	Roofing Contractor 238160 12	A roofer stepped onto a piece of loose tar paper, slipped and fell 9 feet from a residential roof.	Citation issued.
318018819 8/24/15 Cloquet	Mineral Wool Mfg. 327993 1500	A mechanic was replacing a hydraulic cylinder on a forklift when the mast fell and struck the mechanic's arm.	Citations issued.

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318019213 318019254 8/31/15 Rochester	New Housing Operative Builder 236117 19 Framing Contractor 238130 36	A carpenter was reaching for an electrical plug while leaning against a guardrail. The guardrail failed and the carpenter fell 22 feet to the concrete ground.	No citations to new housing builder; citation issued to framing contractor.
318019130 8/27/15 Plymouth	General Freight Trucking, Local 484110 16,000	A truck driver was feeling ill and could smell exhaust in the truck's cab. The driver was outside of the truck with the engine off for about an hour when the driver collapsed.	Citation issued.
9/3/15 Shakopee	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction 236220 80 50	A high man laborer was working in an articulating lift when the laborer was struck by two falling precast panels, sending the laborer to ground level.	Case open.
318019742 318019817 9/9/15 Dodge Center	Motor Vehicle Body Manufacturing 336211 13,000 Temporary Help Service 561320 3,000	A prep laborer was working with two other employees to prepare a cement truck for painting. The drum of the cement truck was rotating while the employees were wiping it down. While reaching downward the prep laborer's head and shoulder were pulled into the drum.	Citation issued to manufacturer; no citations to temporary help service.

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318019924 8/26/15 Blooming Prairie	Electrical Contractor 238210 11	An apprentice electrician was using a post driver to install a copper ground rod. The electrician raised the post driver too high and missed the copper rod on the downward motion. The momentum pushed the electrician forward and the copper rod impaled the electrician's neck.	No citations.
318021078 9/25/15 Fridley	Roofing Contractor 238160 40	A roofer was applying glue along the lower edge of a parapet to secure the roof membrane. The roofer removed his harness to access a ladder when the roofer slipped on the membrane and fell 14 feet off of the roof onto bundles of membrane. The roofer rolled off of the membrane bundles and fell an additional 5 feet to the ground.	Citations issued.