



MSHA Preliminary Report: Miner Dies After Fall From a Grizzly Feeder at Springfield Pit Limestone Quarry in Texas

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The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration posted a preliminary report on a September 23, 2026 death at Springfield Pit, a crushed limestone quarry operated by Zack Burkett Co. that MSHA lists at Graham, Jack County, Texas. A 38-year-old loader operator fell from a feeder at the rip rap rock plant. MSHA's Dallas District is investigating.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) posted a preliminary accident report on a fatal accident at Springfield Pit, a surface quarry producing crushed and broken limestone. MSHA lists the operator as Zack Burkett Co. and the location as Graham, Jack County, Texas. This is the agency's posting on the September 23 death in its 2026 mining fatality series.

What MSHA reported

- Date and time: September 23, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. Death recorded at 5:10 p.m. the same day.
- Classification: Slip or Fall of Person.
- Description: "A miner died when he fell from a feeder onto the ground below."
- Location in the mine: the rip rap rock plant. MSHA lists the equipment as a Lippman grizzly feeder, model 6224.
- Victim: a 38-year-old loader operator who was dislodging rocks from a shaker/grizzly. MSHA lists 1 year, 7 weeks and 3 days of total mining experience, all at this mine, and 8 weeks at the task.

- Mine: Mine ID 41-04851. Non-union. 11 employees listed. Parent shown as Zack Burkett III.
- Investigation: MSHA Dallas District (M5000), Dallas TX Field Office. Report prepared September 25, 2026.

MSHA says the information "is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determination regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident." A final report usually follows after the investigation.

Why it matters

Falls from plant equipment, like feeders, screens and grizzlies, are a recurring hazard at aggregate operations. MSHA standards cover fall protection and safe access at mine plants, and the final report will show whether MSHA cites any violations. Small rural quarries like this one supply rip rap, road base and crushed stone for county roads, ranch roads and construction across North Texas.

Sources

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