

# FATALGRAM

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Date of Accident: November 13, 2006

Oil and Gas Industry

**An oil and gas industry employee died as a result of a fall due to slipping on icy ground.**

**Description of Accident:** An oil and gas industry employee was found dead, lying face down on the ice in the vicinity of the front bumper of a crane-truck. He was carrying a six foot length of pipe weighing approximately 70 pounds at the time he fell. It was determined that the victim died of blunt force trauma to the head; but, it was not known if the length of pipe played a part in the accident. However, it was determined that the victim was not wearing traction devices (anti-slip foot devices) at the time of the incident even though company policy required it.

## **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Follow recommendations of the site hazard assessment.
- Enforce the requirement to wear PPE.
- Enforce the requirement that all safety devices (traction devices) be used as directed by safety/employer.
- An employer should have a written safety program which includes enforcement and discipline procedures to ensure that employees follow the employer's safety requirements. The employer should take steps to discover employee violations and document disciplinary action taken.