



## **BLUEOCEANA NEWS SERVICE**

### **Marine Terminal Worker Drowns in Barge Hatchcover Incident**

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While virtually no media coverage has been found to exist in relation to this accident, and while efforts to be directly in touch with company officials have been rebuffed, Blueoceana Company has learned through reliable sources on the Mississippi River that a dockworker employed by Associated Terminals, Inc. has died on the job.

Our sources indicate that the worker (as yet unnamed), was engaged in discharging several stacked, fibreglass hatch covers from a moored barge, when the load got away from him. He was pushed into the Mississippi River, where the current pulled him away. He subsequently drowned.

We know that those types of barge covers are best (and most safely) handled one at a time, and can understand how stacking them can cause instability and eccentricity hazards.

At present we know no more, but we have confirmed that OSHA has initiated an accident investigation.

Blueoceana Company will continue monitoring OSHA's enforcement actions in re this accident, and will update this report accordingly.

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