ACCIDENT: Fell into open manhole

DATE: 19 June 2002

WHAT HAPPENED: Worker slipped and fell into manhole while pulling cable.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- Unbarricaded open manhole
- Worker was not paying attention to hazards at jobsite

RESULTS: Bruises to right arm and shoulder

LESSONS LEARNED:

Reference- EM 385-1-1, USACE SAFETY & HEALTH Requirements Manual

- Employees should pay close attention to their surrounding when walking backwards.

  01.A.03 Each individual employee is responsible for complying with applicable safety requirements, wearing prescribed safety equipment, and preventing avoidable accidents.

- Contractor shall ensure all open manholes are clearly identified.

  11.I.01 Warning signs and rigid barricades shall be promptly placed when covers of manholes, hand holes, or vaults are removed.