



Fatality Analysis of Maintenance-of-way  
Employees and Signalmen

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## FAMES ALERT

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**April 11, 2024:** At approximately 6:33 pm (CDT) a 42-year-old maintenance-of-way manager with 13 years of service was struck and fatally injured by a roadway maintenance machine in McNeil, AR. A maintenance-of-way work group using an excavator was replacing a culvert under the track. The manager was crushed between the excavator bucket and the track on the machine.

### **Take Away**

**Although this recent tragedy has not yet been analyzed, FAMES reminds all roadway workers:**

- On-track safety briefings should emphasize the risks associated with RMM movements and address items such as noise, machine spacing, obstructed visibility, and proper communications whenever roadway workers are working near RMM(s).
- Establish clear communication and maintain proper clearance between RMM operators and workers on the ground. This should include the swing radius of machines.
- RMM operators should clearly communicate signals for initiating movement, slowing, stopping, and changing direction - communicating change in direction is imperative.

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