IMA-NA CASE STUDY #2
Active Minerals Stays Clear of a Rail Hazard by Using a Brake Stick

- As part of a safety audit, an Active Minerals Safety Specialist identified a potential hazard involving the setting of rail car brakes.

- To manually access the brake wheel, employees were required to climb a ladder on the side of the rail car, step around with the outside foot to a rung above the rear car wheel, and then turn the brake wheel.

- This technique put the employee in an awkward position and increased the likelihood of an overexertion or slip.

- To abate this hazard, “brake sticks” were purchased in order to enable brake wheel access from the ground.

- Active Minerals now requires the use of brake sticks at all facilities.

- The brake sticks were purchased through:  