

# **FATAL ALERT**

On June 13, 2012, an employee was trouble shooting an alleged warranty issue involving a cooling unit that had been in service for approximately 2 weeks. The warranty service was requested by the facility owner because of an error that had been received on the units' trouble board. The unit had previously been installed in the winter months after a renovation of the building had been completed. There are two duplicate units on the location. The employee of the company and two maintenance employees from another employer entered the unit through the south side entrance of the unit. The employee bent down to test a Ground Faults Circuit Interrupter (GFCI), then stood back up partially. He then appeared to lose his balance and fell into the unit's fan. When the employee entered the fan he received a fatal injury.

## **Significant Factors**

- Employee did not observe posted warnings.
- The employer did not establish a written Hazard Assessment.
- There was no training provided to the workers specific to this type of work.

## **Recommendations**

- Brief all employees on the facts and circumstances of this fatal mishap.
- Management must establish training procedures for servicing this type of equipment.
- Ensure that employees are following observed postings on all equipment.