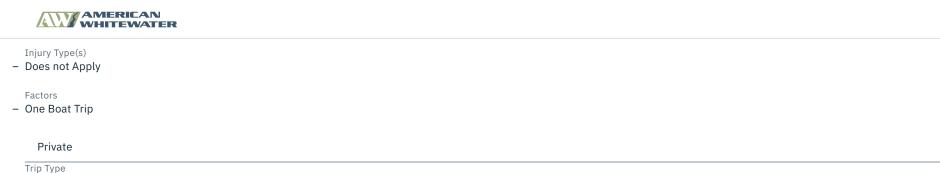


# Accident Database

#### Report ID# 278

Cause

Help	
1989-05-29	
Date	
Louis Gelato	
Victim	
29	
/ictim Age	
Musconetcong River	
River	
Bloomsbury to Delaware River	
Section	
United States New Jersey, US	
ocation	
Gage	
Medium	
Water Level	
N/A	
River Difficulty	
Caught in a Natural Hydraulic	



Other Victim Names

Open Canoe

Boat Type

Group Info

Reported

Status

# **Accident Description**

#### DAMS CLAIMS TWO JERSEY PADDLERS

May 21, 1989: Muscoenetcong River, N.J. Louis Gelato, 29, paddling with two friends in a 17 foot canoe, drowned after an attempted run of a dam near Riegelsville. All three were caught in the reversal; one was pronounced dead at the scene after being washed one mile downstream; another companion was hospitalized in critical condition two days later. Source: Appalachian Mountain Club (NJ) "Paddle Splashes" COMMENTS: This incident further illustrates the danger of low-head dams.





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