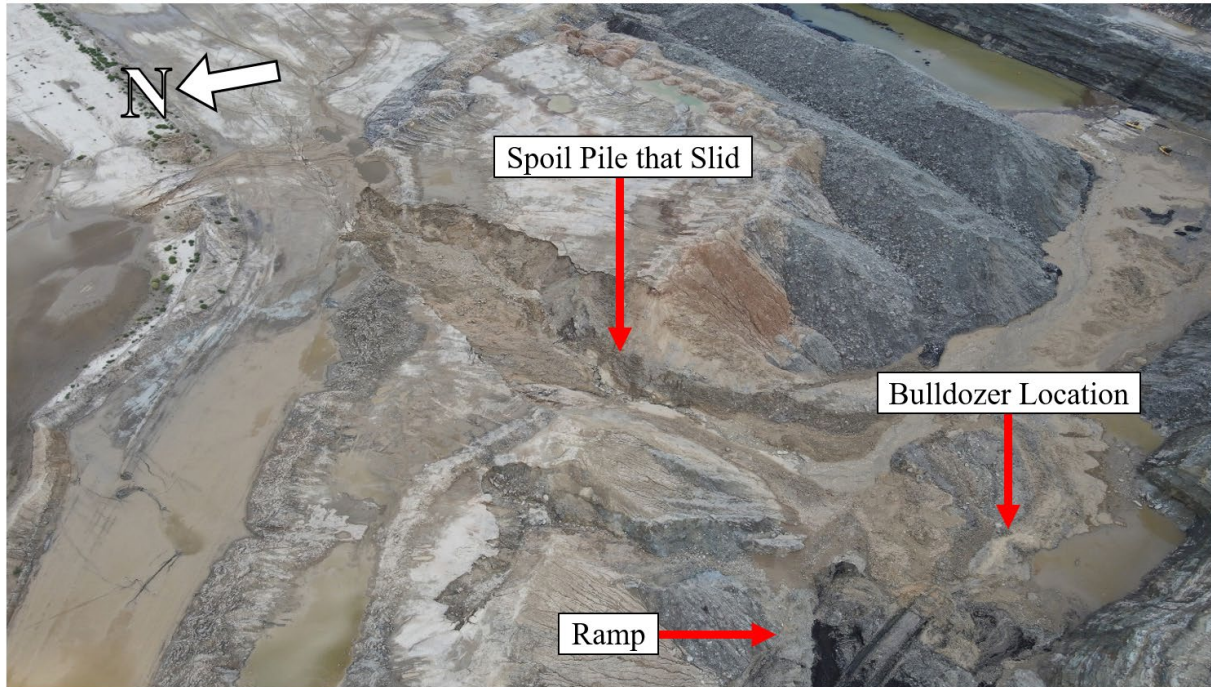


## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On May 16, 2023, a bulldozer operator died when a spoil pile slid and engulfed the bulldozer he was operating. At the time of the accident, the bulldozer operator was repairing a ramp used to access water pumps in the pit.



### Best Practices

- Establish and follow ground control plans that are consistent with prudent engineering design for the safe control of all highwalls, pits, and spoil banks.
- Examine highwalls, spoil banks, and ground that slope into working areas after every rain, freeze, or thaw before work in such areas.
- Stay clear of potentially unstable areas. Correct unsafe ground conditions in the affected area.
- Equip bulldozers with two-way communication systems, high strength glass, and an SCSR for breathable air when working on material that has the potential to slide or engulf mobile equipment.

This is the 19<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in 2023, and the first classified as “Falling, Rolling, or Sliding Rock or Material of Any Kind.”

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