MSHA's Accident Prevention Program

Safety Idea

Safe Dump Point Procedures

Mine Type: All Surface
Category(s): Haulage

Safety Tip: Always "dump short" of the edge when a pile has been loaded-out below the dump point.

Many fatal accidents have occurred on truck-built stockpiles when a truck has attempted to dump above an area where the pile has been loaded-out.

Where a pile has been loaded-out or undercut below the dump point, the safe procedure is to "dump short."

A good rule-of-thumb is to dump at least one truck-length back from the edge...
then push the material over with a track-mounted dozer.

The mining industry is strongly encouraged to consider and adopt this suggestion. MSHA believes that unnecessary injuries and fatalities could be avoided in the future as a result.