Three fatal accidents have occurred within a week at metal and nonmetal mines. These accidents might have been avoided had there been proper berms, proper risk analysis, and careful planning before work began.

- On 09/16/2013, a 58 year old miner was killed when the haul truck he was driving traveled through a berm and over a highwall.
- On 09/18/2013, a 56 year old miner was killed when he was engulfed by material in a hopper.
- On 09/19/2013, a 32 year old miner was killed when the truck he was driving flipped over.

MSHA is asking everyone to take a moment to focus on the tragic circumstances and consequences of these recent deaths. Also, it is important to remember October is historically the deadliest month for miners. Please stay alert and take the necessary actions needed to stop these accidents from recurring.

Best Practices

- Examine your work area
- Identify all hazards, including potential hazards
- Ensure miners are trained and can demonstrate the use of fall protection
- Be trained to safely operate the equipment
- Always wear seat belts when operating mobile equipment
- Be aware of people and activities in the area
- Maintain control of mobile equipment
- Never work on top of material in a hopper

PLAN YOUR DAY – HAVE A SAFE DAY!