Two contractor fatalities to start 2015. Seven contractor deaths occurred in 2014.

- On January 11, 2015, a contract shaft miner was killed while riding on top of a skip in a ventilation shaft. The victim was caught between a support beam in the shaft and a handrail on the skip.
- On January 8, 2015, a sales representative was killed helping to change a screen liner on a screen deck.

**Best Practices**

- Monitor all personnel to ensure safe work procedures are followed.
- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards associated with the work to be performed along with the methods to properly protect all persons.
- Prior to working, inspect your work area for hazards.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify any defects that may affect the safe operation of equipment before it is placed into service.
- Properly use PPE (such as fall protection, hard hats, seat belts, safety glasses) to protect against hazards associated with mining.