



Fatality #3 – February 1, 2004
Machinery - WY - Trona
OCI Wyoming LP - Big Island Mine & Refinery

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On February 1, 2004, a 34-year-old roof bolter operator with 13 years mining experience was fatally injured at an underground trona mine. The victim left the roof bolting station mounted on the remote controlled continuous miner. The miner operator, standing on the other side of the continuous miner, backed it from the face to clean up spillage. The victim tried to pass between the conveyor boom and rib when he was struck and pinned against the rib.



Best Practices

- Establish procedures and follow them, especially when employees tram a remote controlled continuous miner.
- Position employees outside of the continuous miner's turning radius and in a safe location before moving the machine.
- Avoid pinch points between the rib and machinery.

This is the 3rd fatality reported in calendar year 2004 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2003, there were three fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st fatality classified as Machinery in 2004. There were no Machinery fatalities in the same period in 2003.