



**Fatality #18 - July 21, 2005**  
**Powered Haulage - AZ - Construction Sand and Gravel**  
**Matthewsville Excavating - Matthewsville Pit**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On July 21, 2005, a 31-year old plant operator with two years mining experience was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim made a splice on a conveyor belt and was making adjustments to the belt. He was found entangled in the tail pulley of the conveyor.



**Best Practices**

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task.
- Keep all guards securely in place except when testing or making adjustments which cannot be performed without the removal of the guard.
- Align conveyor belts from a safe location where the moving parts can't grab you.
- Clean up excessive spillage before repairing a conveyor belt.

This is the 18th fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in Metal and Nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2004, there were 14 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 7th fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. There were 2 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2004.