



Fatality #20 - August 1, 2005
Powered Haulage - CO - Construction Sand and Gravel
Commercial Rock Products - Wash Plant #1

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On August 1, 2005, a 30-year old laborer, with eight weeks mining experience, was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim was using a shovel to remove clay that had built up on a return idler nearest to the head pulley when he was caught by the conveyor belt.



Best Practices

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task.
- Ensure that persons assigned to clean conveyor belts have received training regarding the hazards and understand safe work procedures.
- Lock out belt conveyor power switches and tag them before you work on a conveyor belt.
- Never clean pulleys or idlers manually while conveyor belts are in motion.

This is the 20th fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in Metal and Nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2004, there were 15 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 9th fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. There were 3 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2004.

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