



Fatality #17 - January 23, 2006 (Charge Back)
Powered Haulage - Surface – KY
Sassy Coal Co., Inc. - No. 4 Mine

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Monday, January 23, 2006, a 72-year old contractor truck driver was fatally injured on the surface of an underground coal mine. The loaded truck was traveling down grade from the mine stockpile when the driver either fell or jumped from the truck and was run over by the rear tandem wheels.



Best Practices

- Maintain equipment braking systems in good repair and adjustment.
- Trucks should be loaded within the safe operating range based on the load rating of the truck, the road grade, weather conditions, and any other pertinent factors.
- Use seat belts when operating equipment.
- Conduct pre-operational checks for defects affecting safety and report defects to management prior to placing equipment in service. Checks should include the function of door latches and window cranks, adjustments of mirrors and cleaning of window glass.

This is the 17th fatality reported during calendar year 2006 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2005, there were no fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the first fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2006.