



Fatality #23 - April 7, 2006
Powered Haulage - Underground – West Virginia
Jacob Mining Co., LLC - No. 1 Mine

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Friday, April 7, 2006, a 49-year old foreman with 28 years mining experience was fatally injured while operating a 14-ton locomotive on a main line track. Prior to the accident, a steel I-Beam used for roof support was dislodged and protruded into the roadway. The locomotive struck the I-Beam causing damage to the cab and fatally injuring the operator.



Best Practices

- Maintain adequate clearance for all powered haulage equipment.
- Conduct proper workplace and travelway examinations to identify, record, and correct close clearances, poor roof conditions and loose or broken roof support materials.
- Secure steel roof support beams and headers with straps or hitches to prevent accidental dislodging.
- Develop processes, involving all miners, designed to proactively identify and eliminate hazards and unacceptable risks.

This is the 23rd fatality reported during calendar year 2006 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2005, there were 3 fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the second fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2006.

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