



Fatality #32 - May 23, 2006
Powered Haulage - Open Pit - KY
Miller Bros Coal LLC - Risner Branch #1

COAL MINE FATALITY - On May 23, 2006, at 9:50a.m., a 23-year-old truck driver with 10 months of mining experience was fatally injured when he lost control of a water truck while descending a steeply graded access road. The vehicle overturned, slid, and landed in a field. The driver was partially ejected from the cab and received crushing injuries.



Best Practices

- Maintain equipment braking systems in good repair and adjustment.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify any defects that may affect the safe operation of equipment.
- Know the truck's capabilities, operating ranges, load-limits and safety features.
- Observe all speed limits and traffic rules.
- Ensure all grades and haulage roads are appropriate for haulage equipment being used.
- Provide and maintain adequate berms.
- Never operate a truck or moving machine without using a seat belt.
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This is the 32nd fatality reported during calendar year 2006 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2005, there were five fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the fourth fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2006.