



Fatality #33 - May 24, 2006
Powered Haulage - Underground - WV
Wolf Run Mining Company - Sycamore Mine No. 2

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at approximately 2:30 p.m., a 34-year-old Utility Man with 7 months of mining experience was fatally injured while operating a battery-powered scoop. While tramming the scoop to the surface, a plank, 3 inches thick by 9 inches wide by 12 feet long, entered the operator's compartment striking and fatally crushing the victim.



Best Practices

- Conduct thorough preshift examinations to determine the presence of any hazards in areas where mobile equipment is to be operated.
- Examine active roadways as often as necessary to ensure safety, particularly when hauling loose materials.
- Maintain all haulage ways and travel ways free of extraneous materials that may pose a hazard to equipment operators, passengers or miners.
- Emphasize safe operating procedures for equipment and maintenance of roadways in all training programs.

This is the 33rd 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 fifth fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2006.

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