



**Fatality #36 - July 20, 2006**  
**Machinery - Surface - KY**  
**CAM Mining LLC - Slate Branch**

**COAL MINE FATALITY** - On Thursday, July 20, 2006, a 39-year old road grader operator with 20 years of mining experience was fatally injured on the haul road of a surface coal mine. While the victim was outside the cab of the parked road grader, it began to roll backwards down grade. The grader came to rest along the hillside ditch line with the victim positioned under the rear ripper-bar.



### **Best Practices**

- Establish and follow safety procedures for exiting mobile equipment and parking mobile equipment on grades.
- Train each mobile equipment operator in all applicable safety procedures.
- Conduct thorough pre-operational checks to identify any defects that may affect the safe operation of equipment before it is placed into service.
- Report defects to management and ensure the defects are properly corrected prior to placing the equipment in service.
- Ensure that training for mobile equipment operators includes a complete review of the Operator's Manual.

This is the 36<sup>th</sup> fatality reported during calendar year 2006 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2005, there were ten fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the fourth fatality classified as Machinery in 2006. There were no Machinery fatalities at this time in 2005.