



Fatality #5 - April 4, 2006
Powered Haulage - Michigan - Construction Sand & Gravel
Aggregate Industries, Inc. - Milliken Plant

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 4, 2006, a 23-year-old laborer, with one month mining experience, was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim had entered the area under the crusher and traveled near the back side of the discharge conveyor tail pulley. His clothing became entangled in the rotating tail pulley.



Best Practices

- Establish policies that ensure employees are trained on required procedures to safely remove spillage near moving conveyor belts.
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- Before assigning miners to clean up spillage, have them identify hazards and demonstrate how they would safely complete the tasks.
- Stop, Look, Analyze, Manage (SLAM)
- Ensure that conveyor belts are deenergized and blocked against motion before positioning yourself near the drive, head, tail, and take-up pulleys.

This is the 5th fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 9 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st Powered Haulage fatality in 2006. There were two Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2005.

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