



Fatality #11 - May 23, 2006
Powered Haulage - Kentucky - Limestone (C&B)
Hinkle Contracting Corp. - Natural Bridge Stone

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On May 23, 2006, a 44-year-old plant operator, with 11 years mining experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was installing a roller on a conveyor belt and was working from the bucket of a front-end loader, 15 feet above the ground. The loader moved forward crushing him against the conveyor framework.



Best Practices

- Discuss work procedures and identify all possible hazards associated with the work to be performed along with the methods to protect personnel. Stop, Look, Analyze, Manage (SLAM).
- Ensure that the appropriate equipment and tools are available for the task and all miners have been trained to recognize work place hazards.
- Do not permit persons to work from the bucket of a front-end loader. Man lifts should be utilized when persons are required to perform work at elevated locations where work platforms have not been installed.

This is the 11th fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 12 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 5th Powered Haulage fatality in 2006. There were four Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2005.

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.
