



**Fatality #3 - February 19, 2007**  
**Non-Powered Haulage - North Carolina - Limestone (C&B)**  
**Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. - Bakers Quarry**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On February 19, 2007, a 50 year-old truck driver (working as a car dropper), with 16 years mining experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. He was moving two loaded railroad cars, by gravity, from the plant area to the main siding. The cars struck a 35-ton haul truck as it crossed the tracks, pinning the car dropper between the lead rail car and the truck. The truck driver received minor injuries.



**Best Practices**

- Establish an effective means to restrict access of self-propelled mobile equipment at railroad crossings when rail cars are being moved.
- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage, SLAM each task to identify all potential hazards. Require mobile equipment operators to stop, look and listen before they cross rail tracks.
- Provide task training that focuses on the specific hazards inherent to dropping cars.
- Establish an effective method of controlling track mounted equipment while in motion.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2006, there three fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Non-Powered Haulage fatality in 2007. There were no Non-Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2006.

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