

MNMM Fatal 2009-16

- Powered Haulage Accident
- September 27, 2009 (Arizona)
- Copper Operation
- Truck Driver
- 28 years old
- 2 years of experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when a loaded haul truck he was operating left a haul road and drove onto a berm, causing it to overturn. The victim, who was not wearing a seat belt, fell approximately twenty feet from the truck cab to the ground.

The accident occurred because the truck driver did not maintain control of the haul truck he was operating. The failure of the driver to wear the provided seat belt contributed to the severity of his injuries.



Root Causes

Root Cause: The truck driver did not maintain control of the haul truck he was operating.

Corrective Action: All truck drivers received additional training regarding the safe operation and control of a haul truck.

Root Cause: Management policies, procedures, and controls did not ensure the truck driver wore his seat belt when operating the haul truck.

Corrective Action: All truck drivers received additional training regarding the required use of seat belts when operating a haul truck. Management will monitor truck drivers to ensure seat belts are worn.

Best Practices

- Always wear a seat belt when operating a haul truck or mobile equipment.
- Monitor employees regularly to ensure seat belts are worn when operating mobile equipment.
- Maintain control and stay alert when operating mobile equipment.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify and correct any defects that may affect the safe operation of self-propelled mobile equipment.