

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On August 30, 2023, a belt foreman died when a belt conveyor take-up unit component broke and struck him.



Best Practices

- Examine work areas for hazards found during the shift. Report hazards and defects immediately and do not work in unsafe conditions.
- Ensure there are no obstructions in the travel path of the belt conveyor take-up system prior to tensioning.
- Examine any belt or linkage assembly for signs of deformation such as cracking, lateral deflection or distorted connections.
- Train miners to recognize and avoid potential hazards from sudden releases of stored energy.

This is the 30th fatality reported in 2023, and the sixth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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Report accidents and hazardous conditions: 1-800-746-1553

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