

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 8, 2023, a miner died after entering a hopper to clear an obstruction. A front-end loader dumped two loads of crushed limestone into the hopper with the miner inside.



Best Practices

- Install barricades to prevent mobile equipment access to bins and hoppers when miners are working in them.
- Establish and train miners on procedures for safely clearing bins and hoppers.
- Lock-out and tag-out the supply and discharge equipment before entering bins and hoppers.
- Wear a safety belt or harness equipped with a lifeline in a confined space.
- Equip bins and hoppers with vibrating shakers or air cannons to prevent material blockages.

This is the 31st fatality reported in 2023, and the seventh classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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