METAL/NONMETAL Serious Accident

Surface – Phosphate – When his personal vehicle became stuck in a ditch, a miner decided to use a front-end loader to retrieve it. However, as he drove the loader toward the vehicle, he lost control, traveled through a berm and rolled over. The miner suffered serious injuries. The accident occurred on July 17, 2017.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards associated with the task being performed.
- Operating speeds should be consistent with conditions of roadways, grades and the type of equipment used.
- Assure berms are at least mid-axle height of the largest equipment used at the mine site.
- Seatbelts must be worn when operating mobile equipment.
- Only persons who are properly trained and experienced should be permitted to operate large haulage equipment.



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