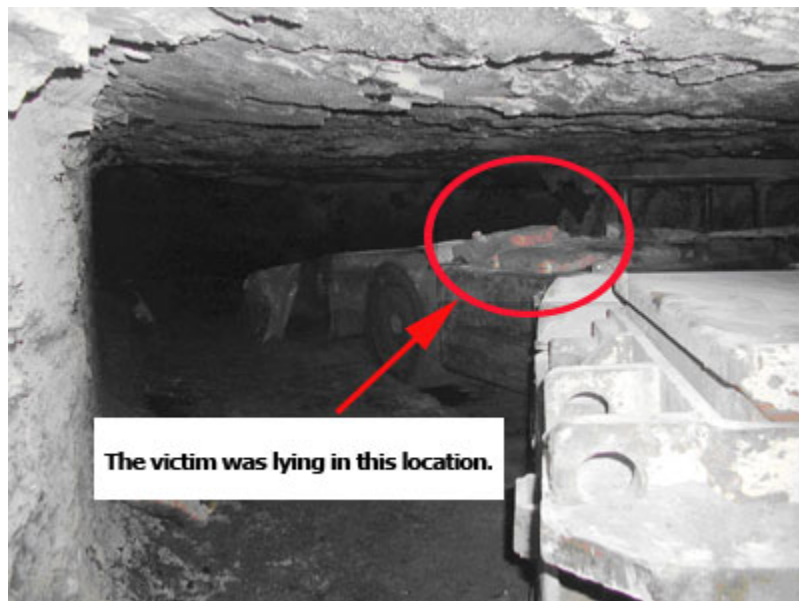




**Fatality #17 - July 17, 2008**  
**(Victim Died 07/25/2008)**  
**Powered Haulage - Underground - Kentucky**  
**Century Operations LLC - Butchers Branch**

**COAL MINE FATALITY** - On Thursday, July 17, 2008, a 45-year old shuttle car operator with 16 years experience was fatally injured when crushed against the mine roof while riding on top of a scoop. The scoop was traveling through a dip in the mine floor when the scoop operator attempted to stop by lowering the bucket. This caused the area where the victim was riding to bow upward crushing the victim between the scoop and the mine roof. The victim was hospitalized and died on July 25, 2008.



**Best Practices**

- Be familiar with haulage safety rules and regulations.
- Only ride on vehicles where safe seating is provided.
- Follow established safe work practices and procedures.
- Ensure that brake systems are functioning properly.
- Conduct pre-operational examination of haulage equipment prior to use.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> fatality reported during calendar year 2008 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2007, there were nine fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the sixth fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2008. There was one fatality in this category at this time in 2007.

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