



Fatality #20 - September 19, 2008
Machinery - Surface - Kentucky
ICG Hazard, LLC - East Mac & Nellie

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Friday, September 19, 2008, at approximately 1:15 a.m., a 53-year old bulldozer operator with 30 years experience was injured fatally when the bulldozer he was operating over traveled the highwall and fell approximately 190 feet. The victim was assigned to push spoil material toward the highwall.



Best Practices

- Remain familiar with your work environment.
- Implement safety precautions for adverse weather, lighting, and visibility conditions (provide light towers and ensure wipers, washers, and defrosters are working properly and window cleaning supplies are readily available).
- Assure the dozer blade is kept between you and the edge when operating close to drop offs.
- Ensure that personnel operating mobile equipment always wear seat belts.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify any defects affecting safe equipment operation before placing into service.
- Maintain equipment braking and steering systems in good repair.
- Train all employees on proper work procedures and hazard recognition and avoidance.

This is the 20th fatality reported in calendar year 2008 for coal mining. As of this date in 2007, there were 26 fatalities for coal mines. This is the 6th Machinery fatality in 2008. There were 2 Machinery fatalities for the same period in 2007.

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