



Fatality #5 - April 2, 2009
Powered Haulage - Surface - Alabama
Reed Minerals Inc - Town Creek

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Thursday, April 2, 2009, a 29-year old surface rock truck driver was fatally injured when he was pinned between the railing outside of the operator's cab and the dump bed of the truck he was operating. The driver had seen oil spillage on the ground during a run into the pit staging area. He exited the operator's compartment and was standing against the hand rail at the rear of the operators cab (drivers side) when the bed dropped.



Best Practices

- Always block machinery and equipment against motion prior to any work.
- Record equipment defects affecting safety and report them to your supervisor.
- Always be aware of your location in relation to machine parts that have the ability to move.
- See the following links for important information:

[MSHA - Accident Prevention Program Safety Ideas - Truck Body Up](#)

[MSHA - Accident Prevention Program - Miner's Tips - Blocking Raised Equipment](#)

[MSHA - SLAM Risks the Smart Way - Safety and Health Outreach Program Home Page](#)

This is the fifth fatality reported in calendar year 2009 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2008, there were seven fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the second Powered Haulage fatality in 2009. At this time in 2008, there were two fatalities in this classification.

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