



Fatality #7 – June 9, 2009
Powered Haulage - Underground - Kentucky
D & C Mining Corp - D & C Mining Corp

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at approximately 7:15 p.m., a fatal powered haulage accident occurred, resulting in the death of a 58 year old Section Foreman. A scoop operator was pushing/positioning a trailer loaded with approximately 220 concrete blocks, when the trailer became unattached from the scoop and rolled down grade, pinning the victim against an outby bridge conveyor.



Best Practices

- Avoid pushing equipment designed to be towed.
- Ensure employees are properly instructed on proper towing procedures and the safe use of towing hardware/equipment.
- Use only towing hardware (hitches, tow bars, receivers, couplers, pins, pintles, safety chains/cables, etc.) that are properly designed for the load.
- Monitor work habits routinely and examine work areas to ensure that safe working procedures are being followed.
- Be aware of the location of all persons in the area before moving equipment or supply carriers.

This is the seventh fatality reported in calendar year 2009 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2008, there were 15 fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the fourth Powered Haulage fatality in 2009. At this time in 2008, there were five fatalities in this classification.

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