



### Fatality #11 - September 5, 2009

Other - Surface - Alabama

Rock Mountain Mining-Div/Twin Pines Coal Co., Inc. - Shannon Mine

**COAL MINE FATALITY** - On Saturday, September 5, 2009, a 47-year old surface rock truck operator was fatally injured when his personal vehicle (pickup truck), struck a gate post near the mine entrance. The victim was leaving the mine at the end of his shift when he attempted to pass another vehicle that was also leaving the mine. The victim lost control of the vehicle and struck the gate post.



### Best Practices

- Always wear a seat belt when operating trucks and automobiles.
- Observe prudent driving/operating practices in order to maintain control of the vehicle.
- Operate vehicles and equipment at safe speeds and adjust driving speeds to the conditions encountered.

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

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