



Fatality #15 - November 23, 2009
Hoisting - Surface - Kentucky
Perry County Coal Corporation - Upper Second Creek Portals

COAL MINE FATALITY -On November 23, 2009, a 37-year old contract mechanic with 4 years of mining experience was fatally injured at a shaft sinking operation. The victim and another miner were disassembling a two part sheave wheel from the end of a pivoting hoist. The hoist boom fell suddenly and struck both miners. The victim died the next morning from his injuries. The other miner was treated at a hospital.



Best Practices

- Securely block raised equipment to prevent accidental movement before working beneath such equipment.
- Routinely monitor work habits and strictly enforce compliance with established safe work procedures.
- Ensure that equipment operators communicate with other workers who work in close proximity to their equipment.
- Ensure that personnel are trained to recognize hazardous work procedures, including working under the boom of a crane.
- Discuss work procedures and identify all hazards associated with the work to be performed, along with the methods to protect personnel.

This is the fifteenth fatality reported in calendar year 2009 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2008, there were 27 fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the second Hoisting fatality in 2009. At this time in 2008, there were no fatalities in this classification.

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