



Fatality #48 - December 4, 2010
Powered Haulage - Surface - West Virginia
Elk Run Coal Co - Republic Energy

COAL MINE FATALITY - - On Saturday, December 4, 2010, a 32 year old contract truck driver with four years of experience was killed in a Powered Haulage accident on a coal mine haul road. The loaded truck struck the left berm on the elevated roadway and over-turned on the road, trapping the victim under the cab.



Best Practices

- Never operate a truck or other mobile equipment without using a seat belt.
- Know the truck's capabilities, operating ranges, load-limits and properly maintain the brakes and other safety features.
- Construct roadway berms to appropriate strengths and geometries.
- Train all employees on proper work procedures, hazard recognition and avoidance, and proper use of roadway berms.
- Observe all speed limits, traffic rules, and ensure that grades on haulage roads are appropriate for haulage equipment being used.
- Always select the proper gear and down shift well in advance of descending the grade.
- Monitor work habits routinely and examine work areas to ensure that safe work procedures are followed
- Maintain control of equipment at all times, making allowances for the prevailing conditions (low visibility, inclement weather, etc).
- Maintain equipment braking and steering systems in good repair and adjustment.
- Do not attempt to exit or jump from a moving vehicle

For more information that can be used to prevent this type of accident refer to the link below:

[MSHA - Safety Targets Program - Operating Surface Equipment \(Coal\) Safety Target Package - Trucks](#)

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