

COAL MINE FATALITY- On Saturday, May 6, 2017, a 62-year-old miner with 14 years of mining experience was fatally injured when the haul truck he was operating went over the highwall and fell approximately 150 feet. The victim was dumping overburden over the highwall when the accident occurred.



BEST PRACTICES

- DUMP SHORT and PUSH OVER when dumping loads over highwalls.
- Maintain adequate ground conditions, including berms, at dump locations.
- Examine dump locations prior to beginning work and as mine conditions change. Clearly mark dump locations with reflectors and/or markers.
- Train miners to use safe dumping procedures and recognize dumping hazards.
- Monitor dumping activities to assure safe work practices are followed.

This is the sixth fatality reported in 2017 in the coal mining industry and it is classified as powered haulage. As of this date in 2016, four fatalities were reported, with one in this classification.