



# Fatality Alert



**MINE FATALITY** – On June 13, 2020, a dragline was found submerged in 25 feet of water where a miner had been using it to remove material from a pond. Divers attempted to locate the dragline operator, and after two days the dragline was extricated from the pond. The victim was recovered from the engine compartment behind the operator’s cab.



## Best Practices

- **Maintain control** of operating mobile equipment.
- **Keep all exits clear** in cabs, including alternate and emergency exits, and make sure the doors open freely before beginning work.
- **Retrofit older models of equipment** with current automatic braking systems.
- **Ensure all controls and brakes are set** to the appropriate position for the task.

This is the ninth fatality reported in 2020, and the second classified as “Machinery”

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