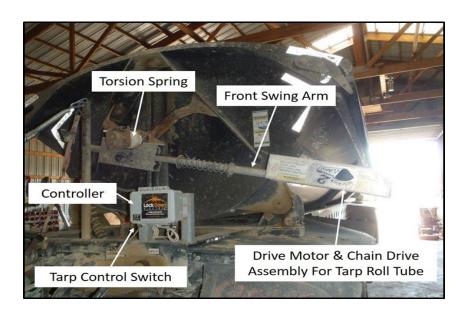




## **Fatality Alert**

MINE FATALITY – On August 21, 2020, a truck driver sustained fatal head injuries while he was deploying the automatic tarp on his fifth-wheel side-dump trailer.



## **Best Practices**

- Install and use constant pressure electrical switches to deploy/retract automatic trailer tarps.
- **Inspect and maintain tarping systems** routinely to ensure tarping systems function properly.
- Install signs warning of the hazard of standing near trailers while automatic tarps are deployed/retracted.
- **Train miners** on proper tarping techniques to understand the hazards associated with the work being performed.

This is the sixth fatality classified as "Machinery" since August 21, 2020.

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