

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On Nov. 23, 2020, a miner was fatally injured when the battery-powered scoop he was operating ran over a section of pipe in the roadway. The four-inch plastic pipe entered the operator’s compartment and struck him.



Best Practices

- **Conduct thorough examinations** of roadways and remove material that could pose a hazard to equipment operators, passengers, or other miners.
- **Keep roadways free of excessive water, mud, and other conditions** that reduce an equipment operator’s ability to control mobile equipment.
- **Secure loads on haulage vehicles** to prevent them from falling off into roadways.
- **Install substantial guarding** to prevent material from entering the operator compartment.
- **Establish safe operating procedures** for mobile equipment and a maintenance schedule for roadways.

This is the 25th fatality reported in 2020, and the seventh classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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