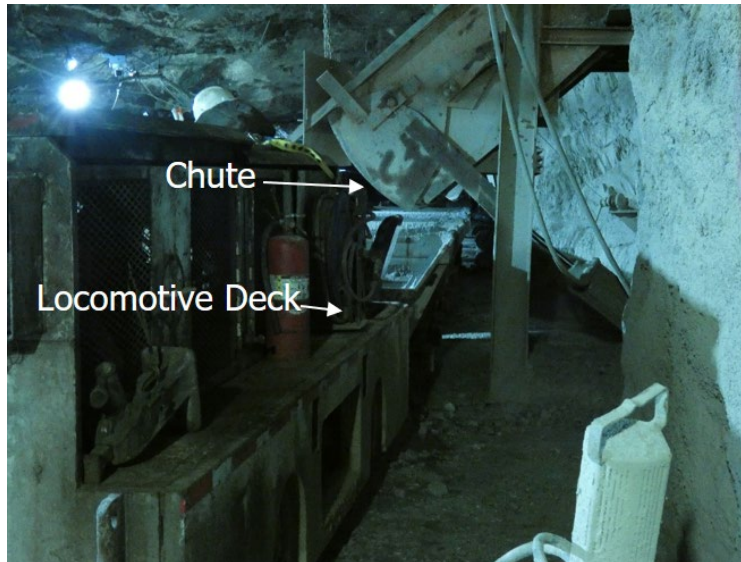


Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On Feb. 22, 2021, a 26-year-old underground chute puller was fatally injured as a passenger of a rail-mounted locomotive when he was crushed between the deck of the locomotive and an overhead chute.



Best Practices

- **Install controls** such as rail stops at loading points, crossings, etc., where track equipment must stop.
- **Install reflective signs or warning lights** well in advance of low clearance areas to alert miners of the upcoming hazard.
- **Develop safe working procedures to avoid low clearance and pinch point areas.** Monitor workers to ensure these procedures are followed.
- **Always look in the direction the equipment is moving in,** and keep all body parts within the operator's compartment while a vehicle is moving.
- **Conduct proper travelway examinations** to identify and mitigate the hazards presented by low clearances.
- **Train all workers to recognize potential hazards** and understand safe job procedures and tasks to eliminate hazards before beginning work.

This is the 4th fatality reported in 2021, and the third classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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