Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITIES – On June 9, 2021, two miners were fatally injured when a locomotive collided with the personnel carrier in which they were riding.

Best Practices

- **Install lights** or other engineering controls to let miners know when it is safe to travel on track haulageways.
- **Implement a communication system** so that one person, who is not on any mobile equipment, has the sole authority to authorize travel on track haulageways.
- **Establish and maintain effective communication protocols that require identification, location and intended travel**, between locomotives, light vehicles and foot traffic.
- **Train** miners on proper traffic patterns and procedures.

These are the 16th and 17th fatalities reported in 2021, and the 8th and 9th classified as “Powered Haulage.”

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatalities.

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