

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On March 12, 2021, a miner was fatally injured while attempting to insert a steel pin into a spud beam.



Best Practices

- **Always assure hoisted equipment movement has stopped and the hoist operator has set the brake before working on hoisted equipment.**
- **Assure the hoist operator has good visibility of miners working on hoisted equipment.**
- **Establish an effective communication protocol, which includes confirmation of instructions, between the hoist operator and miners working on hoisted equipment.**
- **Position yourself in a safe location** to maintain balance and protection from the any energy of cantilevering tools or objects.
- **Stay in a Safe Zone** when working around cables and sheave wheel systems.
- **Always maintain a work area that is clean and clear of debris.**
- **Train equipment operators** in the safe performance of their tasks and potential hazards.

This is the seventh fatality reported in 2021, and the first classified as “Handling Material.”

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