Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On December 13, 2021, a miner was fatally injured when he became entangled in the drill steel of the roof bolting machine he was operating.

Best Practices

- **Before performing maintenance and repair work on roof bolting machines or other equipment:**
  - Turn off the engine.
  - Securely block equipment against hazardous motion by following manufacturer’s recommendations.
- **Never touch or hold the drill steel while it is rotating.**
- **Do not wear loose-fitting or bulky clothing** when working around any machinery with rotating parts.
- **Train miners** to perform their assigned tasks safely.

This is the 36th fatality reported in 2021, and the seventh classified as “Machinery.”

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 fatality.

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