

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On December 4, 2021, a miner was performing maintenance duties on a continuous mining machine (CMM) when the raised CMM tail boom lowered, resulting in fatal crushing injuries to the miner.



Best Practices

- **Before performing maintenance and repair work:**
 - **De-energize** the power source.
 - **Open** the visual disconnect.
 - **Lock and tag** the visual disconnect.
 - **Securely block equipment** against hazardous motion in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations.
- **Provide sufficient space** around equipment to perform work safely.
- **Develop and implement procedures to complete tasks safely.**
- **Train all miners** to perform their assigned tasks safely.
- **Operators should implement procedures** to address hazards that cause injury.

This is the 34th fatality reported in 2021, and the sixth classified as “Machinery.”

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