

## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On December 6, 2021, a miner was fatally injured while he was working in a pan feeder under a chute. While attempting to remove angle iron that blocked the chute’s gate from closing, he was engulfed by material that fell from a surge pile above the chute. The victim died from his injuries on December 10, 2021.



### Best Practices

- **Do not allow miners to travel on or below material** that is on or above the sides of a bin, hopper, or chute.
- **Provide mechanical devices or other effective means** to protect miners from entrapment by caving material.
- **Provide and maintain a safe means of access** for all working places.
- **De-energize, lock out, tag out, and block machinery or equipment against hazardous motion** before performing repairs or maintenance.
- **Examine work areas and equipment.** Correct defects, or report them to the operator.
- **Train miners** to perform their assigned tasks safely.

This is the 35th fatality reported in 2021, and the second classified as “Confined Space.”

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