Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On February 28, 2022, a contract miner died when he was crushed between the rib and a single boom face drill. The victim was alongside the drill using the onboard tram lever controls when the accident occurred because the remote control was inoperative.

Best Practices

- **Mobile equipment shall be maintained** in safe operating condition. Immediately remove mobile equipment in unsafe condition from service.
- **Always operate mobile equipment from a safe location.** Use the remote control or operate from within the operator’s compartment if available.
- **Determine the proper working position to avoid pinch points and Red Zone areas.**
- **Train miners on the safety aspects and safe operating procedures** of mobile equipment before use. Review and discuss pinch points and Red Zone locations.

This is the eighth fatality reported in 2022, and the third classified as “Machinery.”

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