Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On January 26, 2022, a dump truck rolled backward onto a 54 year-old miner while the miner was attempting to troubleshoot a brake issue. The dump truck operator was unaware that the miner was under the truck when he released the parking brake, allowing the dump truck to roll backward.

Best Practices

- **Block machinery or equipment against hazardous motion** before performing repairs or maintenance.

- **Communicate with mobile equipment operators** and assure they acknowledge your presence, **before traveling near mobile equipment**. Do not assume that mobile equipment operators know that you are in the vicinity.

This is the 5th fatality reported in 2022, and the first classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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