Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On July 21, 2022, a miner received fatal injuries when his right arm became entangled in an auger (screw) conveyor.

Best Practices

• Secure all conveyor covers in place during normal operation. Keep tools, clothing, and body parts away from moving conveyors.
• De-energize, lock out, tag out, and block machinery against hazardous motion before performing repairs or maintenance. Never perform work on a moving conveyor.
• Examine work areas and equipment. Report defects to miners and assure defects are corrected and recorded. Test emergency shut-off devices frequently.

This is the 16th fatality reported in 2022, and the sixth 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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