

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On March 2, 2022, a miner was fatally injured when an overhang along the mine rib fell, striking the miner and pushing him against the canopy of a twin boom roof bolting machine. The miner freed himself from the fall, but later died.



Best Practices

- **Remove overhangs with the continuous mining machine.**
- **Install support of proper length with surface area coverage, on cycle, and in a consistent pattern** for the best protection against falls.
- **Examine the roof, face, and ribs** immediately before starting work in an area where people work and travel, including sound and vibration testing where applicable.
- **Scale loose roof and ribs from a safe location.** Prevent access to hazardous areas until you take corrective measures.
- **Take additional safety precautions when encountering new and changing roof and rib conditions.**
- **Train miners on** how to identify hazardous roof and rib conditions.

This is the ninth fatality reported in 2022, and the first classified as “Fall of Face, Rib, Side, or Highwall.”

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