

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On March 22, 2022, a 44 year-old heavy equipment operator drowned after the floating pump station he was standing on capsized. At the time of the accident, the miner was assisting a co-worker in connecting a water discharge line.



Best Practices

- **Design and use floating platforms in a manner that complies with the manufacturer’s specifications and recommendations.**
- **Before working on a floating platform:**
 - **implement safe work procedures** that take into account potential hazards from **rain, ice, freezing temperatures**, and other environmental conditions.
 - perform adequate work place examinations, **especially on floating platforms that are infrequently used**. Check parts that are subject to **rust, sun damage, water damage**, etc. over long periods of time.
- **Wear life jackets** where there is danger from falling into water.

This is the twelfth fatality reported in 2022, and the first classified as “Drowning.”

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