

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On August 18, 2023, a section foreman was installing hose for a dewatering pump. He was found unresponsive lying in approximately eight inches of water and mud. The death certificate listed the cause of death as drowning.



Best Practices

- Provide and maintain safe access to all working places. Remove standing water where miners work and travel.
- Ensure qualified electricians examine and maintain electrical equipment in safe operating condition; if equipment is defective, correct hazards or remove equipment from service.
- Report and correct any slip, trip, or fall hazards.

This is the 33rd fatality reported in 2023, and the second classified as “Drowning.”

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary information only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the accident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.

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