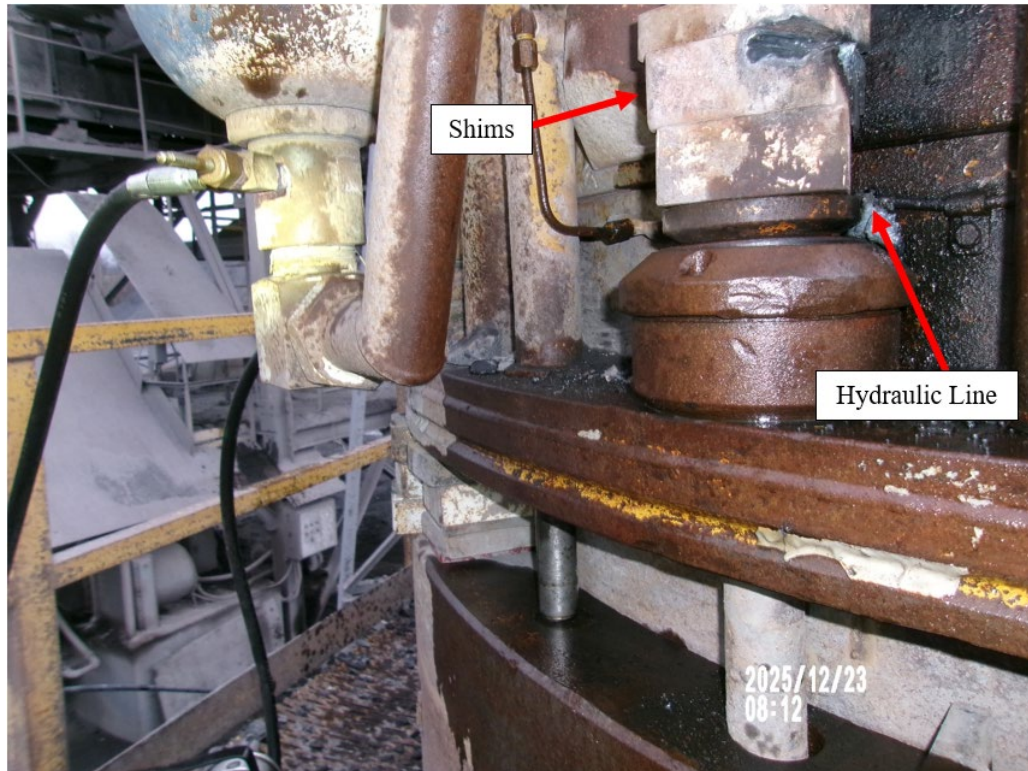


Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On December 22, 2025, a contractor died after receiving burns from a pressurized hydraulic line that ruptured and caught fire. The contractor was cutting shims from a cone crusher with a torch.



Best Practices

- Never apply heat to or near pressurized hydraulic lines.
- Never apply heat to components when flammable, combustible, or explosive materials are present.
- Protect and/or relocate hydraulic lines to prevent physical damage.
- Examine all components and surrounding areas before applying heat, cutting or welding. Conduct daily inspections of hydraulic equipment, hoses, and connections for leaks, wear, or damage.
- Always use proper protective equipment for the task.

This is the 33rd fatality reported in 2025, and the first classified as “Exploding Vessels under Pressure.”

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