

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – A contract haul truck driver was injured while dumping a load of material at the top of a stockpile. The ground under the truck failed causing the truck to overturn onto its cab. The driver died later from his injuries.



Best Practices

- Construct substantial berms, bumper blocks, safety hooks, or similar impeding devices at dumping locations where there is a hazard of overtravel or overturning.
- Conduct workplace and ground condition examinations before beginning work in an area.
- Always dump material from a stable and safe location. If examinations indicate the ground conditions are not reliable, dump loads at a safe distance and push the material over the edge using a bulldozer.
- Never load material from the toe of a stockpile that is below an active dump point. This typically leads to a slope that is unstable and too steep.
- Maintain stockpile slopes no steeper than the angle of repose.

This is the 22nd fatality reported in 2025, and the ninth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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