

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On August 13, 2026, a miner was performing maintenance on a slipping head pulley of a hopper. During the task, the miner fell onto the discharge conveyor, where he became engulfed as the belt began feeding material from the hopper.



Best Practices

- De-energize, lock-out, tag-out, and block machinery against motion before performing repairs or maintenance.
- Provide and maintain safe access to all working places. Use personnel lifts or ladders to access elevated workplaces safely.
- Provide and ensure proper use of fall protection where there is a danger of falling. Ensure fall protection has a suitable fall arrest connection and secure anchorage system.
- Conduct workplace examinations to identify conditions that may adversely affect the safety or health of miners. Identify risks and eliminate or control hazards before beginning work.

This is the 20th fatality reported in 2026, and the third classified as “Slip or Fall of Person.”

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