

## Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On January 6, 2026, a contractor was fatally struck by the motor and gearbox assembly while removing a baghouse slide gate.



### Best Practices

- Block machinery or equipment against hazardous motion before beginning maintenance or repairs. Verify miners are in a safe location and away from potential “red zone” areas.
- Secure assemblies to prevent unexpected movement and use proper tools.
- Identify and control all stored energy sources, including gravity.
- Train miners in safe work procedures and hazard recognition.

This is the first fatality reported in 2026, and the first classified as “Machinery.”

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