

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On July 6, 2026, a miner died when a covered hopper railcar derailed and pinned him against a structural beam of a train load out silo.



Best Practices

- Maintain railroad track and load-out areas to ensure safe operating conditions consistent with the speed and type of haulage used.
- Control drainage where wet processes are used.
- Ensure that workplace examinations are conducted to identify and correct any hazardous conditions before miners begin work.
- Ensure miners are trained in the task being performed.
- Always provide and maintain a reliable communication system.

This is the 17th fatality reported in 2026, and the fifth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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