

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On May 20, 2026, a contract mechanic field technician was fatally injured while removing the radiator guard from a front-end loader when the counterweight fell on him.



Best Practices

- Block machinery components against motion with suitable tools or blocking materials before removing mounting bolts from machinery components that can fall during disassembly.
- Review and follow the equipment manufacturer’s recommended maintenance procedures when performing repairs to machinery.
- Ensure miners are positioned in safe locations away from crushing hazards.
- Train miners in safe work procedures related to their assigned tasks.

This is the 12th fatality reported in 2026, and the fourth classified as “Machinery.”

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