Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On October 5, 2026, a miner died after a front-end loader struck him while he was crossing an equipment travelway.

Best Practices

- When working near mobile equipment, communicate your intended movements with equipment operators and ensure they acknowledge your presence.
- Establish and enforce traffic-control procedures to minimize pedestrian exposure to mobile equipment, such as designated pedestrian walkways and crossing locations.
- When working at night, verify that all working areas are properly illuminated and miners wear high-visibility reflective clothing.
- Train miners in the safe operation of mobile equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's manual.
- Evaluate emerging feasible technologies, including mobile equipment proximity detection, when reviewing surface mobile equipment safety program.
- Develop and implement a written Surface Mobile Equipment Safety Program addressing struck-by hazards, traffic management, operator visibility, and employee training.

This is the 26th fatality reported in 2026, and the seventh classified as "Powered Haulage."

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