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Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On October 8, 2026, a shift foreman died when he was pulled into a belt conveyor roller while attempting to clear material from around a hold-up belt roller.



Best Practices

- Never perform work on a moving belt conveyor.
- Ensure that power is off using a visual disconnect before any work is performed, using your own lock and tag.
- Ensure machinery is blocked against motion before performing maintenance or repairs.
- Always identify safety hazards before beginning any task.
- Stay out of areas along a moving belt conveyor where clearance is restricted.
- Ensure all guards are adequate and securely installed where miners may contact exposed moving machine parts.

This is the 27th fatality reported in 2026, and the eighth classified as "Powered Haulage."

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary information only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the accident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.

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