

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 3, 2026, a contract miner died while attempting to bolt two 30-inch diameter steel pipes together at a pond pad construction area. One of the pipes shifted and struck him.



Best Practices

- Ensure all materials and equipment are blocked against hazardous motion.
- Use proper tools and equipment for the task.
- Ensure miners position themselves in safe locations while performing work.
- Conduct a thorough pre-task risk assessment.
- Establish and follow a written procedure for any tasks and train miners in safe work procedures related to their assigned tasks.

This is the 23rd fatality reported in 2026, and the first classified as “Handling Material.”

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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