



Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On Nov. 8, 2020, a bulldozer operator was killed when his bulldozer backed over the edge of a highwall.



Best Practices

- **Install and maintain lights to illuminate working places** during the night and early morning hours.
- **Install berms, signs or devices** to identify the edge of working benches and to allow equipment operators to maintain control of equipment.
- **Train equipment operators** to identify dangerous conditions and to keep the dozer blade between the operator and the edge when near drop-offs.
- **Develop and enforce policies requiring safety belts** when operating machinery.

This is the 24th fatality reported in 2020, and the eighth classified as “Machinery.”

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