

MNMM Fatal 2008-03

- Powered Haulage Accident
- January 26, 2008 (Nevada)
- Underground Gold Operation
- Truck Driver
- 43 years old
- 10 years experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when he was struck by a haul truck. He parked his truck in an intersection near the loading area and left. A short time later another miner got in the parked truck to move it out of the way. When this driver was backing up the truck, it struck the victim as he was returning to the truck.



Causal Factor

Management procedures and policies were inadequate and failed to ensure that mobile equipment operators sounded warnings prior to movement of equipment to warn all persons who could be exposed to a hazard from the equipment.

Best Practices

- Ensure all miners are trained to recognize work place hazards, specifically the hazard of mobile equipment traveling near them.
- Before moving mobile equipment, look in the direction of travel, be certain no one is in the intended path, sound the horn to warn possible unseen persons, and wait to give them time to get to a safe location.