



Fatality #9 - May 2, 2009

Powered Haulage - Georgia - Clay

Active Minerals International LLC - ActiveMinerals Attapulgitite Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On May 2, 2009, a 51-year old front-end loader operator with 8 weeks of experience was fatally injured at a surface clay operation. The victim parked a front-end loader on a loading ramp and was run over by the machine after he exited it.



Best Practices

- Keep unauthorized persons out of the cabs of mobile equipment.
- Never leave mobile equipment unattended unless the controls are placed in the park position and the parking brake is set.
- Lower the bucket to the ground when parking mobile equipment.
- Chock or turn the wheels when parked on a grade.

This is the 9th fatality reported in calendar year 2009 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2008, there were 7 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st Powered Haulage fatality in 2009. There were 2 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2008.

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