



**Fatality #17 - October 7, 2010**  
**Powered Haulage - Kansas - Dimension Stone**  
**Wheeler Construction Co Inc - Wheeler Construction Co Inc**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On October 7, 2010, a 72 year-old dozer operator with 20 years of experience died at a dimension stone operation. The victim dismounted the dozer he was operating and walked near a haul truck that struck him.



**Best Practices**

- Train all persons to stay clear of mobile equipment.
- Be aware of the location and traffic patterns of mobile equipment in your work area.
- Never approach mobile equipment until you communicate with mobile equipment operators and receive confirmation from the operator indicating awareness of your presence.
- Use radios to communicate when visual contact can't be maintained.
- Wear high visibility clothing when working around mobile equipment.
- Install "rear viewing" cameras and proximity detection devices on mobile equipment.
- Before moving mobile equipment, look in the direction of travel, use all mirrors, cameras, and proximity detection devices to ensure no persons are in the intended path.
- Sound the horn to warn persons of intended movement and wait to give them time to move to a safe location.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2010 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2009, there were 16 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Powered Haulage fatality in 2010. There were 5 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2009. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Electrical fatality in 2010. There was 1 Electrical fatality in the same period in 2009.

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