



Fatality #13 - September 19, 2013
Powered Haulage – Pennsylvania – Crushed, Broken Slate
T. G. Mountain Stone - Northrup Quarry

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On September 19, 2013, a 32-year old laborer with 14 years of experience was killed at a dimension stone operation. The victim was operating a 2½ ton truck up a steep roadway. He was hauling water tanks in the bed of the truck when the load shifted and the truck overturned, crushing him.



Best Practices

- Task train mobile equipment operators adequately and ensure they demonstrate proficiency in all phases of mobile equipment operation before performing work.
- Conduct adequate pre-operational checks prior to operating mobile equipment.
- Ensure that loads are stable and secured before transporting.
- Never exceed equipment manufacturer's load limits.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating self-propelled mobile equipment.
- Maintain control of self-propelled mobile equipment while it is in motion.
- Operate mobile equipment at speeds consistent with the conditions of roadways, tracks, grades, clearance, visibility, curves, and traffic.

This is the 13th fatality reported in calendar year 2013 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2012, there were 12 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 6th Powered Haulage fatality in 2013. There were 5 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2012.

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