



Fatality #15 - November 7, 2013
Powered Haulage – Georgia – Crushed, Broken Granite
Vulcan Construction Materials, L.P. - Lithia Springs Quarry

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On November 7, 2013, a 46-year old equipment operator with 27 years of experience was killed at a granite mine. The victim was operating a haul truck when it veered off the left side of a haul road and traveled through a berm. The haul truck went over an embankment and overturned in a settling pond.



Best Practices

- Provide and maintain adequate berms or guardrails on the banks of roadways where a drop-off exists.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify and correct any defects that may affect the safe operation prior to operating mobile equipment.
- 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.
- Stay alert while operating mobile equipment.
- Ensure traffic rules, signals, and warning signs are posted and obeyed.
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