



**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On July 10, 2013, a 68-year old dozer operator with 23 years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel mine. He was pushing material with a dozer when the machine veered to the right and traveled into a water filled pit.



## Best Practices

- Task train all persons to understand the hazards associated with the work being performed.
- Be familiar with your work environment. Before starting to work, thoroughly inspect the area and plan the safest way to move the material and maneuver equipment.
- Maintain control of mobile equipment while it is in motion.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating mobile equipment.
- Monitor persons routinely to determine safe work procedures are followed.

This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> fatality recorded during calendar year 2013 in in metal and nonmetal mining. As of the accident date in 2012, there were 9 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> fatality classified as Machinery in 2013. There was one Machinery fatality in the same period in 2012.

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