



**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On December 1, 2014, a 46-year-old contract truck driver with 26 years of experience was killed at a limestone mine. The articulating haul truck he was operating traveled over a roadway berm and went into a large pond. Dive teams extricated the victim from the truck.



## Best Practices

- Task train mobile equipment operators adequately in all phases of mobile equipment operation before operating mobile equipment.
- Conduct adequate pre-operational checks and correct any defects affecting safety in a timely manner 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.
- Provide and maintain adequate berms or guardrails on the banks of roadways where a drop-off exists.

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2014 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2013, there were 18 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Powered Haulage fatality in 2014. There were 7 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2013.