



Fatality #3 - February 28, 2014
Falling/Sliding Material – New York - Construction Sand and Gravel
East Coast Mines Ltd - East Coast Mines Ltd

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On February 28, 2014, a 50-year old supervisor with 27 years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel mine. The victim was at a backfill site and approached an 80-foot high bank when it failed, engulfing him.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures before beginning work. Identify and control all hazards associated with the work to be performed and the methods to properly protect persons.
- Task train all persons to recognize all potential hazardous conditions that can decrease bank or slope stability and ensure they understand safe job procedures for elimination of the hazards.
- Prior to beginning work and as ground conditions warrant during the shift, examine all pit, highwall, slope, and bank conditions. Be especially vigilant for these conditions after each rain, freeze, or thaw.
- Use mining methods that ensure pit, highwall, slope, and bank stability and safe working conditions.
- Correct hazardous conditions by working from a safe location.
- Stay clear of potentially unstable areas.

This is the 3rd fatality reported in calendar year 2014 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2013, there were 2 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 1st Falling/Sliding Material fatality in 2014. There were 0 Falling/Sliding Material fatalities in the same period in 2013.

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