



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On April 17, 2014, a 58-year-old truck driver with 3½ years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel mine. An excavator was loading material in a haul truck parked at the pit. When the victim exited the truck, he was struck by the excavator bucket and pinned against the truck.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures before beginning work. Identify and control all hazards associated with the work to be performed and use methods to properly protect persons.
- Task train all persons to recognize all potential hazardous conditions and to understand safe job procedures for elimination of the hazards before beginning work.
- Ensure that haul truck operators remain in their trucks when being loaded.
- Communicate with mobile equipment operators and ensure they acknowledge your presence. Stay in the line of sight with mobile equipment operators.
- Ensure that you make eye contact with mobile equipment operators before approaching their work areas. Never assume the equipment operator sees you.
- Never place yourself in a location where equipment operators can't see you.
- Before operating equipment, always ensure other miners are clear and safely positioned.
- Monitor persons routinely to determine safe work procedures are followed.

This is the 7th fatality reported in calendar year 2014 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2013, there were 5 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 1st Machinery fatality in 2014. There was 1 Machinery fatality in the same period in 2013.