

MNM Fatal 2016-02

- Power Haulage
- March 8, 2016 (Utah)
- Sand and Gravel Mine
- Equipment Operator
- 54 years old
- 5 years of experience

Overview

Blaine Kirk Linck, Haul Truck Driver, age 54, was fatally injured on March 8, 2016. Mr. Linck was operating a haul truck when it traveled beyond the dump site berm and down a slope, about 80 feet, coming to rest in 14 feet of water.

The accident occurred because mine management failed to ensure that the victim maintained control of the truck he was operating at all times and failed to ensure that the victim was wearing a seat belt.



Best Practices

- Analyze all tasks, identify possible hazards prior and eliminate the risks prior to beginning work.
- Before beginning work, establish safe work procedures, train and discuss with all persons performing the task.
- Examine work areas during the shift for hazards that may be created as a result of the work being performed.
- Evaluate the stability of the material before unfastening a load. Pay particular attention to loads that may have shifted or become unstable during transport.
- Install secondary supports (side stakes) of adequate height and strength to prevent material from falling when the load is unfastened; or prior to unfastening the material, secure the item being unloaded to the machine used in the unloading process.
- Stand clear of items of massive weights having the potential of becoming off-balanced while being loaded or unloaded.
- Implement measures to ensure persons are properly positioned and protected from hazards while performing a task. Ground personnel should be highly visible. Unauthorized persons should be kept clear of the area.