

Fatality Alert



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On January 25, 2018, an articulated haul truck travelled through a berm and into an ice covered pond, submerging the truck's cab. Rescuers utilized divers and tow trucks to pull the submerged truck from the pond and recover the victim.



Best Practices

- Do not operate heavy equipment when fatigued. The effects of fatigue include tiredness, reduced energy, and physical or mental exhaustion. These conditions become progressively worse as fatigue increases.
- Maintain control and stay alert when operating mobile equipment. Monitor persons routinely to determine safe work procedures are followed.
- Conduct adequate pre-operational checks and correct any defects affecting safety in a timely manner prior to operating mobile equipment. Maintain equipment braking and steering systems in good repair and adjustment.
- Operate mobile equipment at speeds consistent with the conditions of roadways, tracks, grades, clearance, visibility, curves, and traffic.
- Ensure that berms are adequate for the vehicles present on site, including but not limited to height, material, and built on firm ground.
- Ensure that all exits from cabs on mobile equipment, including alternate and emergency exits, are maintained and operable.
- Use seat belts when operating mobile equipment.

This is the 1st fatality reported in calendar year 2018 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2017, there was 1 fatal reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 1st Powered Haulage fatality in 2018. There were no Powered Haulage fatalities during the same period in 2017.

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