



Fatality Alert



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On June 15, 2018, a miner fell from a man basket when the weldment securing the basket to the shovel failed. The miner died of his injuries on June 27, 2019.



Best Practices

- **Check for damage.** Routinely examine metal structures for signs of weakness (corrosion, fatigue cracks, bent/buckling beams, braces or columns, damaged/loose/missing connectors, broken welds, etc.).
- **Replace cracked equipment fast.** Small cracks in equipment can quickly grow into a complete fracture. Take cracked mechanical components out of service immediately.
- **Know the limits.** Consult with the manufacturer to determine the service/fatigue life of mechanical systems or parts.

This is the 17th fatality reported in 2018 in metal and nonmetal mining, and the first fatality classified as “hoisting.”

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