

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On June 13, 2018, a 65-year old truck driver with 4 years of experience was fatally injured when his truck traveled over a berm and into an impoundment of water. Divers recovered the victim in 20 feet of water.



## Best Practices

- Maintain control and stay alert when operating mobile equipment.
- 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.
- Consider storing personal flotation devices in equipment that is being operated near water.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2018 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2018, there were 4 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Powered Haulage fatality in 2018. There were two Powered Haulage fatalities during the same period in 2017.

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