



Fatality Alert



METAL/NON-METAL MINE FATALITY – On February 29, 2020, a plant foreman was priming the main suction pump on a dredge when a two-inch coupling on the waterjet pipe failed, knocking the victim into the water. Divers retrieved his body several hours later. The victim was not wearing a life preserver.



Best Practices

- **Wear a life preserver** where there is a risk of falling into the water.
- **Identify all possible hazards** and ensure appropriate controls are in place to protect miners before beginning work.
- **Provide swimming training** for everyone that works around water.

This is the 5th fatality reported in 2020, and the first classified as “Machinery.”

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