



Fatality Alert



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On October 19, 2018, a 63-year old quarry manager, with 17 years of experience, was fatally injured when he lost control of the haul truck he was driving. The victim was operating a haul truck down a steep grade and traveled through a berm and over a short drop-off. The victim was not wearing a seat belt.



Best Practices

- Always wear seat belts when operating mobile equipment.
- 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.
- 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. Among other things, they should be constructed of appropriate materials, be of adequate height, and be built on firm ground.

This is the 11th fatality reported in calendar year 2018 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2018, there were 10 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 6th Powered Haulage fatality in 2018. There were 4 Powered Haulage fatalities during the same period in 2017. . MSHA has made the prevention of powered haulage accidents a priority. Please see more information at www.msha.gov/poweredhaulage

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