

DISTRICT 2 – CLOSE CALL SURFACE HAULAGE



On March 1, 2010 a rock truck driver received head and internal injuries when the Euc R100 rock truck he was operating, lost traction driving up an inclined dump ramp. He lost traction $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the ramp and applied his service brakes. He began to slide, switching gears to reverse, he tried to back down the ramp. The ramp narrowed at the bottom due to it not being completed before the dump. The truck ran up over the berm, causing it to roll over. The truck landed upright approximately 68' below. The operator was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident.

Best Practices

- Construct adequate berms at the edges of all elevated dump sites, and ensure they are properly maintained.
- Know the truck's capabilities, operating ranges, load-limits and properly maintain the brakes and other safety features.
- Conduct examinations of dump sites (using a certified person) at least once each working shift, and more often, if necessary for safety.
- Provide training to all dump-point workers on recognizing dump-point hazards, taking appropriate corrective measures, and using safe dumping procedures.