



**Fatality #17 - July 15, 2006**  
**Powered Haulage - Puerto Rico - Sand & Gravel**  
**Terrassa Sand & Gravel, Inc. - Terrassa Sand & Gravel #1**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On July 15, 2006, a 61-year-old truck driver, with 40 years experience, was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim was in the pit area to get his first load of the shift and backed the truck into a water filled pit. The area had been flooded due to recent rains and was idle for several days making it difficult to identify the edge of the pit.



**Best Practices**

- Ensure that examinations of ground conditions are conducted in pit areas before commencing work and relay potential hazards to all miners exposed.
- In situations/locations where travelways are not clearly distinguishable, markers or other marking techniques should be used to aid equipment operators.
- When conditions change, examine travelways to evaluate hazards and install barriers to limit travel of mobile equipment.
- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage, SLAM each task to identify all potential hazards. Initiate action to protect yourself when performing every task.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 17 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> Powered Haulage fatality in 2006. There were six Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2005.

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