

MNMM Fatal 2007-21

- Fall of Ground Accident
- August 28, 2007 (Nevada)
- Gold Operation
- Bolter Operator
- 36 years old
- 4½ years experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured while working in a development drift. He completed bolting the roof of the drift when the left rib and part of the roof fell covering him and the roof bolter.



Causal Factor

Management policies and procedures were inadequate and failed to ensure that persons could safely install ground supports. The mine's ground control plan was not followed when ground conditions were encountered that required additional support. Persons were not trained to evaluate and support adverse ground conditions.

Best Practices

- Design, install, and maintain a supplemental support system to control ground where additional support is necessary.
- Train person to examine and test ground conditions where persons work or travel.
- Promptly initiate action to install additional support when adverse ground conditions are identified.