



Fatality #18 - September 3, 2007
Fall of Roof - Underground - West Virginia
Consol of KY Inc - Bronzite

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Monday, September 3, 2007, a 35-year old continuous mining machine operator with 16 years of mining experience was fatally injured in a roof fall which occurred at the face of the #4 entry. The fall originated in the unbolted face and continued outby, riding through the center portion of three rows of previously installed roof bolts.



Best Practices

- Know and follow the approved roof control plan which includes safety precautions.
- Conduct a thorough visual examination of the roof, face, and ribs immediately before any work is performed and thereafter as often as conditions warrant.
- Always be alert for changing conditions, cracks or other roof abnormalities and install additional roof support as necessary.
- Stop, Look, Analyze, Manage (SLAM) risks.

This is the 18th fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2006, there were 38 fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the third Fall of Roof or Back fatality in 2007. At this time in 2006, there were four fatalities in this classification.

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