



Fatality #13 - October 9, 2009
Powered Haulage - Underground - Tennessee
National Coal Corporation - Mine No 5A

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Friday, October 9, 2009, a 48-year old independent contractor truck driver, with 30 years of experience, was fatally injured at a surface coal mine. The victim was hauling a load of coal down an inclined haul road when he lost control of the truck and it overturned on the left side of the haul road. The victim jumped or was thrown from the vehicle.



Best Practices

- Conduct pre-operational safety checks of all mobile equipment.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating a haul truck or mobile equipment.
- Maintain equipment braking and steering systems in good repair and adjustment.
- Do not exceed the truck's capabilities, operating ranges, load-limits and safety features.
- Operate vehicles in the appropriate gear when descending grades.
- Do not exit a moving vehicle.

This is the thirteenth fatality reported in calendar year 2009 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2008, there were 23 fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the fifth "Powered Haulage" fatality in 2009. At this time in 2008, there were eight fatalities in this classification.

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