

Fatalgrams and Fatal Reports

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Fatality #2 – January 31, 2005
Powered Haulage - KY - Limestone (C&B)
Carmeuse Lime and Stone Inc. - Underground Black River Operation

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On January 31, 2005, a 33-year-old mechanic, with four years mining experience, was fatally injured at an underground stone operation. The victim was operating a tractor while traveling up a grade. Apparently the tractor contacted a rib and overturned, pinning him.



Best Practices

- Ensure adequate pre-operational checks are conducted on all self- propelled mobile equipment and that any defects found are promptly corrected.
- Ensure that service brakes will stop and hold mobile equipment prior to operating mobile equipment.
- Exercise caution when approaching grades and operate mobile equipment in the appropriate gear at speeds consistent with the grade being traveled.

This is the 2^{nd} fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in Metal and Nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2004, there were three fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 2^{nd} fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. There were no Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2004.

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