



Fatality #8 - April 4, 2005
Powered Haulage - WY - Trona
OCI Wyoming LP - Big Island Mine & Refinery

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 4, 2005, a 47-year-old mechanic, with 28 years mining experience, was fatally injured at an underground trona mine. A forklift was being used to position a motor that was being installed on a continuous miner. The forklift engine was shut off to facilitate communication. The service brakes failed; allowing the forklift to drift forward. The victim was pinned against the continuous miner.



Best Practices

- Ensure adequate pre-operational examinations are conducted on all self-propelled mobile equipment and defects affecting safety are promptly corrected.
- Before beginning a task, miners should discuss the work procedures, identify all possible hazards, and ensure steps are taken to safely perform the task.
- Ensure that all braking systems installed on mobile equipment are functioning properly with the engine operating and also when it is shut off.
- Always obtain Operator's Manuals and Service Manuals for all mobile equipment and ensure their use by mechanics and operators.

This is the 8th fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2004, there were 7 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3rd fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. There were no Powered Haulage fatalities during the same period in 2004.