



Fatality #9 - April 4, 2005

Powered Haulage - NE - Sand & Gravel

Darrel Volker Construction - Darrel Volker Construction Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 4, 2005, a 47-year-old laborer, with eight days mining experience, was fatally injured at a surface sand and gravel operation. He was operating a skid loader and dumping material into the plant grizzly. The loader traveled onto the grizzly; overturned, and landed on the ground below. The victim, who was not wearing the seat belt, was ejected.



Best Practices

- Ensure miners have been Task Trained prior to allowing them to operate mobile equipment.
- Install berms, bumper blocks, or similar impeding devices at dumping locations where there is a hazard of overtravel or overturning.
- Conduct adequate pre-operational examinations on all self-propelled mobile equipment and correct all defects affecting safety.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating mobile equipment.
- Exercise caution when approaching dumping locations; operate mobile equipment at an appropriate speed, and travel with the bucket lowered until stopped and ready to dump.

This is the 9th 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 4th fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. There were no Powered Haulage fatalities during the same period in 2004.