



**Fatality #23 - September 9, 2005**  
**Powered Haulage - AZ - Pumice**  
**Tufflite Inc. - White Vulcan Mine**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On September 9, 2005, a 26-year old equipment operator, with five years mining experience, was fatally injured while operating a scraper at a pumice operation. As the scraper descended a grade, it veered off the roadway and traveled over rutted ground. The victim, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the cab.



**Best Practices**

- Conduct thorough pre-operational checks on all self-propelled mobile equipment and promptly correct any defects that may affect safety prior to using the equipment.
- Maintain service brakes to stop and hold mobile equipment prior to operating it.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating self-propelled mobile equipment.

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in Metal and Nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2004, there were 18 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. There were five Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2004.

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