



Fatality #20 - August 29, 2006

Powered Haulage - Pennsylvania - Limestone (C&B)

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company, Inc. - Somerset Quarry & Mill

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On August 29, 2006, a 61-year old contractor paving supervisor, with 31 years experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was walking from the mine's main shop toward the plant when he was struck by a front-end loader. The bucket was loaded with rock and was positioned several feet off the ground, blocking the operator's view of his surroundings and the victim. The crew was preparing to pave an area behind the main shop.



Best Practices

- At locations where pedestrians and mobile equipment are both performing tasks, rules should be established and signs or signals warning of hazards should be utilized.
- Initiate action to protect yourself when performing every task (SLAM). Train all miners to recognize the hazards associated with mobile equipment traveling nearby when they are on foot.
- When tramming a front-end loader from one location to another, position the loader bucket as low to the ground as possible.

This is the 20th fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 22 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 7th Powered Haulage fatality in 2006. There were 10 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2005.