



Fatality #25 - September 20, 2007
Powered Haulage - Alaska - Sand & Gravel (Construction)
Wilder Construction Company - Conrock North Pit

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On September 20, 2007, a 49 year-old laborer with 32 years experience (2 days at the mine) was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim went behind a guard, used a wooden handle shovel to clean under a conveyor belt take-up pulley, and was entangled in the pulley.



Best Practices

- Establish policies to ensure employees are trained to safely remove spillage near moving conveyor belts.
- Before assigning miners to clean up spillage, have them identify hazards and demonstrate how they would safely complete the tasks. Stop, Look, Analyze, Manage (SLAM)
- Deenergize and block conveyor belts against motion before working near the drive, head, tail, and take-up pulleys.

This is the 25th fatality reported in calendar year 2007 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2006, there were 20 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 7th Powered Haulage fatality in 2007. There were 7 Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2006.

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