



## Enforcement Summary: Struck by Mobile Equipment Fatalities in Underground Coal Mines

From January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2008, 23 fatalities resulted from accidents in which individuals were struck by mobile equipment in underground coal mines. A description of frequently cited standards and the tragic consequences of noncompliance follows below.<sup>1</sup>

**30 C.F.R. § 75.220(a)(1)** requires each mine operator to develop and follow roof control plans.

Miners were fatally injured when:

- working in the “Red Zone” of a continuous mining machine;
- positioned between the continuous mining machine and the coal rib.

<sup>1</sup> In many cases noncompliance with more than one standard contributed to the fatal accidents. These frequently cited standards are not the only standards cited for this accident category.

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