

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 21, 2021, a 68-year-old contract truck driver with 20 years of experience was fatally injured while operating a haul truck. The victim was found lying in front of his truck near the edge of a haul road. The truck was upright and in the opposite direction of the expected route of travel.



Best Practices

- **Establish a site traffic plan** to include traffic routes, speed limits, and access points. Train miners to follow all traffic controls.
- **Conduct pre-operational examinations** to identify and repair defects that may affect the safe operation of equipment before placing equipment into service.
- **Operate mobile equipment** at speeds consistent with conditions of roadways, grades, curves, and traffic.
- **Maintain control while operating mobile equipment.** Never exceed a vehicle's design capabilities, operating ranges, load limits, and safety features.
- **Always wear a seat belt** when operating mobile equipment.
- **Never exit a moving vehicle.** Remain in the seat with your seat belt secured.

This is the 27th fatality reported in 2021, and the twelfth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data only and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.

Report accidents and hazardous conditions: 1-800-746-1553

[msha.gov](https://www.msha.gov) | askmsha@dol.gov | [@MSHA_DOL](https://twitter.com/MSHA_DOL)