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Snuggle Up With a Seatbelt

ARLINGTON, Va. - October 2005
 MSHA is concerned about a disturbing trend, miners not using their seatbelts. There have been 8 fatalities this year that could have been prevented. Some of the miners interviewed about their decision not to use a seatbelt said "I have to get in and out of the cab of this equipment all day long. It takes too much time to buckle up."
 John Radomsky, MSHA's Accident Investigations Manager, said "I believe it is a habit. We need to remind each other when we see one of our fellow miners not wearing a seatbelt to buckle up! When we see someone forgetting to buckle up, we are obligated to remind them of the importance of wearing a seatbelt. This is why partnerships with the mining industry work so well.

When we watch out for each other, we prevent injuries and fatalities. Our analysis of powered haulage fatalities in 2003/2004 show that three of these deaths were related to the failure to use a seatbelt. This proves to us that we can reduce these types of fatalities by focusing on reminding everyone of the importance of seatbelt use every time they operate a piece of equipment. MSHA's Alliance Partners have indicated that this is something they are working on in order to maintain those core safety principles. We value all of you. Please take the time to buckle up and if you see a miner that is not buckled up, remind that miner why they need to use their seatbelt."

Nuggets

How much does a seat belt cost? It is priceless because of the life it holds!

Showcase Mine—Human Factors Safety and Health

MSHA personnel have been conducting safety talks at mines across the Nation all summer on risk assessment and risk management. During these visits to the mines our personnel have found mines that have developed and implemented human factors safety and health programs that encourage employee involvement

in the management of their safety programs. MSHA will showcase a mine in every quarterly that have these types of safety and health programs in place.

MSHA wants to thank Newmont for sharing their human factors safety and health programs with us.



Newmont Gold Company Elko, Nevada

Newmont's safety and health programs are balanced to address each of "The Pillars" they have identified as requirements for their safety and health systems to be successful. These pillars are PASSION for safety, SCIENCE in developing safe systems, practices, and behaviors, COMMITMENT to leadership and to safety. Their safety and health management systems include detailed standards and procedures, which Newmont believes is the cornerstone of safety and health. Through these programs, all employees have the "tools" they

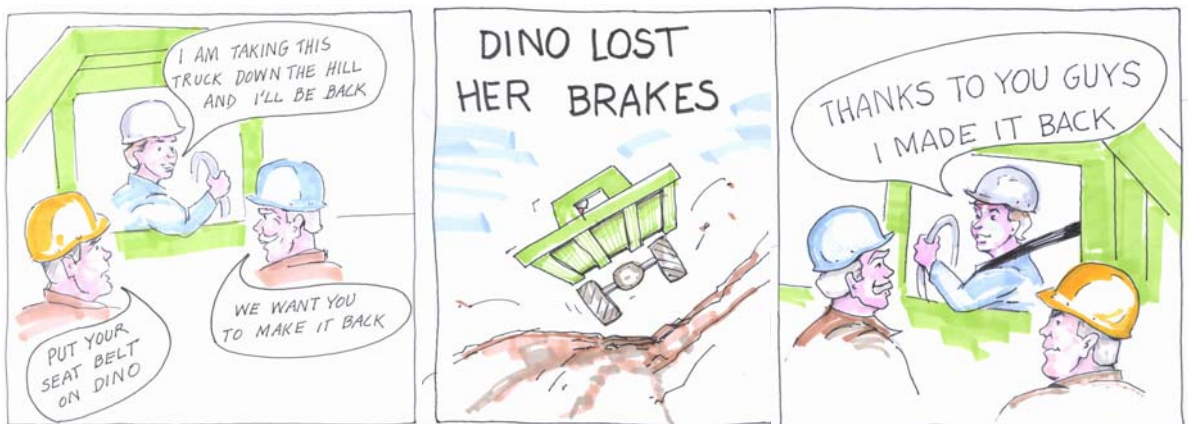


need to work safely. Newmont has various programs designed to ensure employees are fit to conduct their work in a safe manner. Alcohol consumption, drug use and fatigue are closely monitored and procedures have been established to manage non-conformance in these areas. Health programs are also crucial to ensuring employees are fit to work. Health assessments are made available at many of the Company's sites. Newmont has the Positive Attitude Safety System (PASS) and

Safety Choices human factor safety and health programs. Their employees conduct safety observations on each other. Their focus is to identify what the miner has done right and to recognize them for it. These employee observations are handled one on one between personnel and employees discuss what they observed with each other. Newmont trained their personnel on human factors safety prior to implementing this program. Employees interviewed commented that there is an element of trust that you have to establish in the beginning. Newmont believes that safety is a team effort and all employees need to work together and watch out for each other in order for all miners to go home safe every day.

The Dinner Bucket - Seatbelts Save Lives

Jack Cottle



RISK SLAMMERS



MSHA wants to recognize and thank miners for making the RIGHT decisions about their safety and health. During recent visits at mines we have observed miners using the right tools for the job they are working on, locking out and tagging out energy sources before they work on them, wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) in areas where hazards could harm them, guarding moving machine parts, using fall protection while working in areas where fall hazards exist, keeping work areas free of trip and fall hazards, and for keeping ribs and the back free of falling material hazards in underground mines. **All of you are RISK SLAMMERS!**



Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) Hearing Schedule

On September 19, 2005, MSHA published a proposed rule. This proposed rule, [\[FedReg 05-18737\]](#) - Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners extended the comment period and provided a new schedule of hearings. That schedule is as follows:

Date	Location	Phone
5-Jan-06	Mine Safety and Health Administration 1100 Wilson Boulevard Conference Room, 25th Floor Arlington, VA 22209.	(202) 693-9440
9-Jan-06	Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.	(801) 363-6781
11-Jan-06	Clarion Hotel Sports Complex, 9103 E. 39th Street, Kansas City, MO 64133.	(816) 737-0200
13-Jan-06	Marriott Louisville Downtown, 280 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202.	(800) 228-9290

SENTINELS OF SAFETY WINNERS



**2004
Sentinels of Safety
Awards**

Sentinels of Safety Awards recognize mining operations in various categories that record the most hours in a calendar year without a single lost-time injury. Beginning this year, a minimum of 4,000 hours are required for consideration, and the award categories have been expanded to allow greater recognition of the safety accomplishments of both small and large mines. Additionally, two new categories have been added to recognize the safety accomplishments of those involved in coal processing facilities and mills.

And the winners are:

Large Underground Group
Peerless Mine
 Mississippi Mine Company,
 Ste. Genevieve, MO
 Hours worked 260,767

Small Underground Group
Nally & Gibson George-
town L.L.C.
Nally & Gibson George-
town, L.L.C., Georgetown,
KY
 Hours worked 30,144

Large Open Pit Group
Belle/Colony Mine
 American Colloid Com-
 pany, Colony, WY
 Hours worked 82,410

Small Open Pit Group
Owens Pit
Perkins Cinders Inc.,
Show Low, AZ
 Hours worked 14,415

Large Quarry Group
Three Rivers Quarry
Martin Marietta Aggre-
gates, Smithland, KY
 Hours worked 170,175

Small Quarry Group
Stonewall Materials of
Oklahoma, L.L.C.
Stonewall Materials of
Oklahoma, L.L.C., Mineral
Wells, TX
 Hours worked 14,572

Large Dredge Group
Fairfield Gravel
Martin Marietta Aggre-
gates, Fairfield, OH
 Hours worked 68,353

Small Dredge Group
Pit #73 Bellwood Central
Sand & Gravel Company,
Bellwood, NE
 Hours worked 10,799

Large Bank or Pit Group
Sun Valley Plant
Calmat Company, Sun Val-
ley, CA
 Hours worked 125,080

Small Bank or Pit Group
Newmarket Sand & Gravel
Chick Trucking Inc., New-
market, NH
 Hours Worked 10,012

Large Mill Group
Sandersville Mill
J.M. Huber
Corp. Sandersville, GA
 Hours worked 310,903

Small Mill Group
Ottawa Lake
Stoneco, Ottawa Lake, MI
 Hours worked 24,780

The United States employs about 248,000 miners. There are over 14,000 mines in America.

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