

Best Practices- Developed by the Surface Haulage Safety Task Force in Cooperation with MSHA

HAULAGE SAFETY ATTITUDE

Every miner who operates a surface haulage machine needs to develop a **Zero Compromise Toward Safety** attitude.

You should not tolerate unsafe mechanical or operational conditions that could jeopardize your safety on or around the haulage equipment you are operating.

Listed below are some attitudes (philosophies) that successful surface haulage operations have tried and proved to be "Best Practices." Some may require a lot of intensive preparation, time, resources, and training to adapt to your location. You may be doing some or parts of them now, and some you may not be able to use.

- You have the legal right and responsibility to have conditions hazardous to yourself and others corrected.
- You must ensure that the haulage machine being used is mechanically ready to operate.
- Your knowledge of, and ability to interpret the performance of the vehicle is directly proportional to your ability to operate it safely.
- You are the eyes, ears, and pulse of the operation. Prompt reporting of unusual noises, conditions, actions, etc., to maintenance, reduces the chances of catastrophic equipment failure which may result in a potentially fatal accident.
- Safety and maintenance related pre and post operational checklists are ideal tools to report hazardous safety conditions.
- Watch for and report hazardous conditions in and around haulage roadways.
- Keep the cab of the machine clean and orderly for the next operator.