

MNMM Fatal 2008-06

- Fall of Back Accident
- April 21, 2008 (Nevada)
- Gold Operation
- Mechanic
- 28 years old
- 3 years experience

Overview

The victim and two coworkers were repairing a roof bolter 37 feet from the face of a drift when cemented rock fill (CRF) fell from the back covering him. The victim was fatally injured and one of the other miners was injured and hospitalized.



Root Cause

Management policies, procedures, and controls failed to ensure that safe ground conditions were established and maintained where persons work or travel.

Best Practices

- Design and utilize mining methods that will maintain stability and control the ground in places where persons work or travel.
- Examine and test ground conditions in areas where work is to be performed prior to work commencing and as ground conditions warrant during the shift.