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Mine Safety and Health Administration

METAL/NONMETAL FATAL ACCIDENT UPDATE October 2008

20 Miners Don't Have a Second Chance....But You Do!

20 Fatal Accidents in 2008:

- Fall of Person 4
- Powered Haulage 4
- Machinery 3
- Fall of back/background 3
- Electrical 2
- Falling Material 2
- Handling Material 1
- Other 1

Ten of these fatalities occurred during maintenance and repair tasks.

Four of these fatalities were contractors.

Five of these fatalities could have been prevented by wearing PPE.

Two of these fatalities were electrical.

PREVENT Accidents and Fatalities!

Stop, Look, Analyze and Manage (SLAM)

Identify, Eliminate, Isolate and Control Hazards

Five fatal accidents occurred in the first 17 days of October

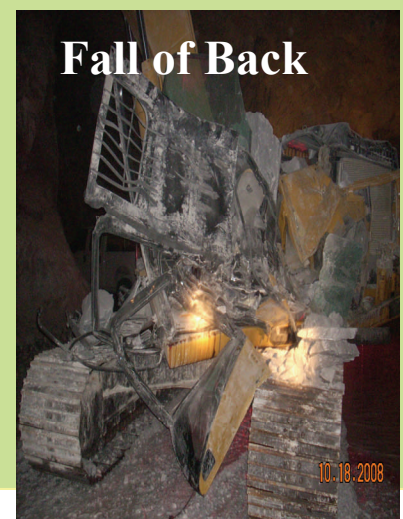
Oct. 1 - Miner driving pickup truck when it traveled through a berm and into a pond

Oct. 7 - Miner working inside chute when material fell from above, trapping him

Oct. 9 - Two miners dismantling tool rack when it fell on them, killing one

Oct. 11 - Miner fell into an open hatch on a barge

Oct. 17 - Miner operating a scaler when rock fell on cab



BEST PRACTICES:

- Examine work areas
- Identify, eliminate, isolate, control all hazards in the workplace
- Conduct pre-operational inspections
- Use fall protection when required
- Report "near misses" or close calls
- Lockout/tagout

