



**Fatality #17 - October 7, 2008**

**Falling Material - Pennsylvania - Limestone (Crushed & Broken)  
Penny Supply Inc - Hummelstown Quarry**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On October 7, 2008, a 56 year-old lead man with 18 years of experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was in a chute of an underground surge tunnel when material from above sloughed off and engulfed him.



**Best Practices**

- Identify potential hazards and establish safe work procedures for any work conducted in a surge tunnel.
- Never work under material feeding into bins, hoppers, chutes, and surge tunnels.
- Remove or prevent all material from falling if repairs are required in chutes or hoppers.
- Disconnect and lock out the circuits controlling the feed before entering.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2008 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2007, there were 28 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Falling Material fatality in 2008. There were 2 Falling Material fatalities in the same period in 2007.

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