



Fatality Alert



MINE FATALITY – On August 18, 2020, a miner was killed while attempting to clear a material blockage. The miner entered the cone crusher to begin work when the material shifted and engulfed him. He was extracted from the crusher and taken to a hospital, where he died the next day.



Best Practices

- **Properly design chutes and crushers to prevent blockages.** Install a heavy screen (grizzly) to control the size of material and prevent clogging.
- **Equip chutes with mechanical devices such as vibrating shakers or air cannons to loosen blockages,** or provide other effective means of handling material, so miners are not exposed to entrapment hazards by falling or sliding material.
- **Establish and discuss policies** and procedures for safely clearing crushers.
- **Train miners to recognize and safely remove all potential hazards** before beginning work and when clearing blocked crushers.

This is the 13th fatality reported in 2020, and the second classified as “Fall of Material.”

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