



Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY - On Thursday, June 3, 2021, a 42-year-old section foreman was fatally injured when he was hit by a shuttle car. The victim was struck when he walked into the path of a loaded shuttle car that was traveling to the dump point.



Best Practices

- **Install proximity detection systems** on mobile equipment to protect personnel and eliminate accidents of this type.
- **Be aware of your location** in relation to movement of equipment, especially in lower seams.
- **Sound audible warnings**, distinguishable from surrounding noise, and reduce speed when approaching and before traveling through check curtains. Wear reflective clothing or strobe lights to aid visibility when working around mobile equipment.
- **Assure all personnel are clear of the traveling path** and turning radius before moving equipment.
- **Train miners and equipment operators to communicate their location** and wait for acknowledgement before moving.

This is the fourteenth fatality reported in 2021, and the seventh fatality classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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