

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 9, 2022, a dredge operator drowned while working in a dredge pond.



Best Practices

- Make sure a competent person conducts workplace examinations before miners begin work to identify conditions that may adversely affect safety.
- Make sure miners wear life jackets or belts where there is danger of falling into water.
- Make sure miners maintain communication when working alone.

This is the 21st fatality reported in 2022, and the second classified as “Drowning.”

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