



Fatality #1 - January 8, 2008
Powered Haulage - Surface - Kentucky
Cumberland River Coal Company - Blue Ridge Surface Mine

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Tuesday January 8, 2008, a 29-year old truck driver with three years experience was fatally injured while attempting to dump spoil. The truck over-traveled the edge of the dump and rolled down the spoil slope approximately 140 feet.



Best Practices

- Provide and maintain adequate berms and other barriers of mid-axle height for dump sites.
- Routinely monitor work habits and examine work areas to ensure that safe work procedures are followed.
- Ensure equipment operators receive proper task training.
- Ensure work areas and dump sites are properly illuminated at night.
- Conduct pre-operational checks of equipment before placing into operation.
- Use seat belts when operating equipment.

This is the first fatality reported in calendar year 2008 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2007, there was one fatality reported in the coal mining industry. This is the first Powered Haulage fatality in 2008. At this time in 2007, there were no fatalities in this classification.

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