



Fatality #6 - April 21, 2008
Fall of Roof or Back - Nevada - Gold Ore
Small Mine Development, LLC - Getchell Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On April 21, 2008, a 28 year-old mechanic with 1 year 47 weeks experience was fatally injured at an underground gold mine. The victim and two other miners were performing maintenance on a roof bolter when cemented backfill fell, covering him. One of the other miners was injured and hospitalized.



Best Practices

- Design and utilize mining methods that will maintain stability and control the ground in places where persons work or travel.
- Examine and test ground conditions in areas where work is to be performed prior to work commencing and as ground conditions warrant during the shift.

This is the 6th fatality reported in calendar year 2008 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2007, there were 10 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st Fall of Back fatality in 2008. There was one Fall of Back fatality in the same period in 2007.

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