



Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On October 13, 2020, a miner died after being struck by a battery-powered scoop. He had parked his shuttle car in an intersection and was exiting when a scoop went through a ventilation curtain in an adjacent crosscut and struck him.



Best Practices

- **Install and maintain proximity detection systems** on mobile section equipment.
- **Use transparent curtains for ventilation controls** on working sections.
- **Communicate** your presence and intended movements. Wait until miners acknowledge your message before moving your equipment.
- **STOP and SOUND an audible warning device** before tramming equipment through ventilation curtains.
- **Avoid areas where equipment operators cannot readily see you.**
- **Wear personal strobe light devices to increase visibility.**

This is the 19th fatality reported in 2020 and the fourth classified as “Powered Haulage.”

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