

Fatality Alert

MINE FATALITY – On September 6, 2024, a continuous mining machine operator died after a rock from a roof fall struck him while he was under unsupported roof.



Best Practices

- **Never go under unsupported roof.**
- Correct unsafe work practices if miners attempt to travel in unsupported areas.
- Train miners and supervisors on the hazards of working and traveling into areas of unsupported roof.
- **Roof Control Plans--Operators should:**
 - Identify the next to last full row of permanent roof supports with highly visible markers at all approaches.
 - Install and maintain adequately designed roof/ground control where miners work or travel.
 - Include guidance that miners position themselves safely under supported roof during the mining cycle and while performing maintenance on equipment.

This is the 19th fatality reported in 2024, and the second classified as “Fall of Roof or Back.”

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