



**Fatality #40 – July 1, 2010**  
**Powered Haulage - Underground - West Virginia**  
**White Buck Coal Company - Pocahontas Mine**

**COAL MINE FATALITY** - On Thursday, July 1, 2010, a 60-year old section electrician was fatally injured when he was run over by a shuttle car. The victim was last seen walking outby the face in a connecting crosscut. As the loaded shuttle car was leaving the continuous miner, the victim was discovered under the shuttle car.



**Best Practices**

- Always sound the shuttle car alarm or bell when approaching and before traveling through check curtains.
- Be aware of your location in relation to movement of equipment, especially in lower coal seams.
- Wear reflective or florescent clothing to aid visibility when working around mobile equipment.
- Train miners to use effective means of communication between themselves and equipment operators.
- Develop and follow standard operating procedures for tramming shuttle cars.
- Ensure all personnel are clear of the traveling path and turning radius before moving equipment.
- Pursue new technology such as proximity detection to protect personnel and eliminate accidents of this type.

This is the 40<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2010 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2009, there were eight fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the third fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2010. At this time in 2009, there were four fatalities in this classification.

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