

**COAL MINE FATALITY** – On Sunday, May 31, 2015, a 59-year-old mine examiner with 32 years of mining experience was found unconscious, unresponsive, and lying in a travel way. The victim had been driving a diesel mantrip to travel to a set of seals to examine them. The victim was located along the east coal rib, and the front right corner of the mantrip was in contact with the west rib just inby the location of the victim.



### Best Practices

- Operate all mobile equipment at speeds that are consistent with the type of equipment, roadway conditions, grades, clearances, visibility, and other traffic.
- Always wear a seatbelt.
- Maintain full control of the equipment while it is in motion.
- Standardize and establish traffic rules, including speed limits, signals, and warning signs, at the mine.
- Limit speed to safe levels by installing positive controls on personnel carriers and mantrips.
- Install safety devices to keep miners from falling or being thrown out of moving vehicles.

This is the sixth fatality reported in calendar year 2015 in the coal mining industry and it is the first fatality classified as Powered Haulage. As of this day in 2014, there were seven fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. At this time in 2014, there was one fatality in this classification.