Kentucky DMS – Fatal Accident No. 2

On October 13, 2020, a 58-year-old miner with 39 years of experience was fatally injured at an underground mine in the Madisonville Branch.

The accident occurred when a battery-powered scoop struck the shuttle car operator (victim) while tramming through a ventilation curtain.

**Accident Scene**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE**

1. Never position yourself in an area or location where equipment operators cannot readily see you.
2. All underground miners who are on foot shall wear highly visible reflective clothing and a readily visible personal flashing safety light.
3. Train miners to use effective means of communication between themselves and equipment operators.
4. Always wear highly visible permissible personal flashing lights while located outside of the confines of an operator’s compartment.
5. Always sound an adequate audible warning device before passing through curtains with mobile equipment.