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So far this year nationwide, eleven (11) miners have been killed and several others have been injured in accidents involving powered haulage equipment. Year to date, this is the highest number of powered haulage fatalities since 2006.

All operators and producers need to emphasize the need for adhering to best safety practices for powered haulage and miner training to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. In Oklahoma, five (5) serious accidents have occurred in 2021 involving powered haulage equipment, emphasizing the need for renewed vigilance to combat this disturbing trend.

On February 20, 2021, at a Limestone Quarry in south east Oklahoma, a serious non-fatal accident occurred. A thirty-six (36) year old electrician was walking directly under a railroad load out conveyor when a large piece of frozen gravel and ice fell from the frame of the conveyor, striking the victim on the head, knocking him to the ground. This resulted in the victim having serious neck and back injuries.

Title 45-Chapter 11- Section 910 (8)-Men shall examine their working places before starting work and frequently thereafter and any unsafe condition shall be reported immediately to the supervisor before any other work is performed.

Title 45-Chapter 11-Section 914 (18)-Regularly used walkways and travel ways shall be sanded, salted or cleared of snow and ice as soon as practicable.

On March 3, 2021, at a Frac Sand operation in south central Oklahoma, a serious non-fatal accident occurred. A fifty-seven (57) year old equipment operator was using a John Deere 850 L Dozer to clear an area by pushing material to a berm that was constructed to prevent overtravel from off an approximately 25 to 30 foot highwall. The dozer penetrated the protective berm and proceeded over the highwall. The dozer operator was not wearing his seatbelt and was propelled head first into the machine windshield. The accident victim suffered a concussion, cuts and bruises.

Title 45-Chapter 11-Section 913 (15)-Mobile equipment operators shall have full control of the equipment while it is in motion.
