

DISTRICT 2 – COAL MINE NEAR MISS

On March 28, 2015 a highwall failure nearly covered a D-11N Caterpillar bulldozer that was pushing coal from the toe of the highwall. There were no injuries.



Best Practices

- Train all employees in highwall hazard recognition.
- Look, Listen and evaluate your highwall and pit conditions daily, especially after each rain, freeze, or thaw.
- Observe and communicate highwall hazards immediately.
- Insure appropriate action is taken to remove the hazards associated with any anomaly that may appear in the highwall or pit.
- Ensure that personnel's work or travel areas and mining systems or equipment are operating are a safe distance from the toe of the highwall.
- Keep the highwall dry; divert water from running down the highwall.