



March 9, 2007 - Summary of a Non-Fatal Surge-Pile Accident at Eastern Associated Coal's Rocklick Preparation Plant, Boone County, West Virginia

A Caterpillar D9R dozer was spreading coal away from the #2 raw coal stacker to permit additional storage when it encountered an unsuspected void over the #4 feeder. The dozer slid backward into the void ending in a near vertical position. The operator was entrapped for two hours and fifty minutes until he was rescued.

All of MSHA's Best Practices and the West Virginia's Surge Pile requirements were in place at the time