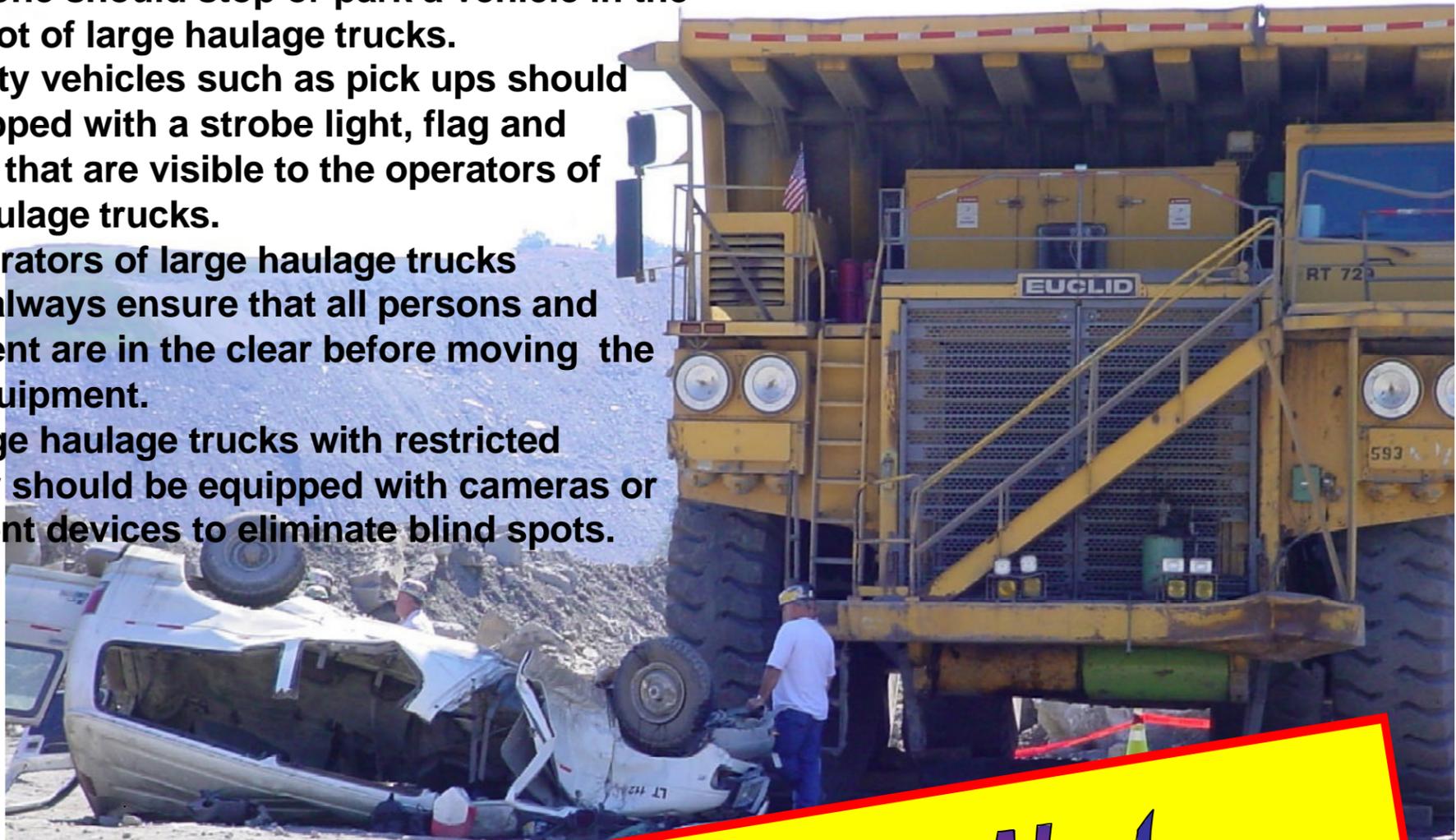


A double fatal surface haulage accident occurred when a 190 ton capacity haulage truck ran over a man-trip van killing two of the three passengers.

Preventive Practices:

- ✓ No one should stop or park a vehicle in the blind spot of large haulage trucks.
- ✓ Utility vehicles such as pick ups should be equipped with a strobe light, flag and flagpole that are visible to the operators of large haulage trucks.
- ✓ Operators of large haulage trucks should always ensure that all persons and equipment are in the clear before moving the large equipment.
- ✓ Large haulage trucks with restricted visibility should be equipped with cameras or equivalent devices to eliminate blind spots.



Southern WV Accident Alert

A recent fatality occurred at a Coal Processing Plant when a surge pile collapsed killing a maintenance foreman who was directing the placement of a steel plate over a feeder opening.

Preventive Practices:

- ✓ Management shall establish safe work procedures around coal stock or surge piles that address all steps of the project planned.
- ✓ Before work is performed in a coal or surge pile area, the slope of the adjacent coal face(s) shall be trimmed to a low degree angle that will prevent slipping or sliding hazards.
- ✓ A buffer zone shall be provided between the work site and the toe of the surge pile sufficient to protect the work site.
- ✓ Other than the equipment necessary to perform the job at hand, all other equipment in the vicinity shall be stopped to prevent vibration, distracting noise and potentially hazardous movement of the surge pile.

