

DISTRICT 2 COAL MINE NEAR MISS

On October 10, 2013, a miner was involved in a near miss accident with the potential of fatal injuries. The miner was assigned work duties to clean up spillage along the low belt structure system. The continuous haulage system had finished mining and was backing out of a cut. The miner was not aware of the dolly and cable tender being moved and approaching him. The cable tender struck the miner and rolled him into a head to toe position under the machine. The entire system had to be pulled forward to free the entrapped miner. The miner refused medical treatment.

Best Practices

- Train miners to establish and use effective means of communication while operating and working around mobile equipment.
- Know your location relative to the movement of mobile equipment and never position yourself between any piece of equipment in motion and a stationary object. Assume the equipment operator has not seen you, unless eye contact is confirmed and signal your presence to equipment operators.
- When operating equipment, utilize audible warnings or flashing lights when traveling around turns or blind spots, through ventilation curtains, and any other time the equipment operator's visibility is limited or obstructed.