

## SAFETY ALERT

During the eight day period from September 8, 2013 thru September 15, 2013, seven roof falls occurred on working sections after the roof was bolted. Such roof falls are particularly dangerous because they occur where most miners work. Three coal miners were injured as a result of these recent falls. These types of accidents can be reduced, if not eliminated when miners use the following Best Practices as a guide.



## BEST PRACTICES

- Make frequent examinations and be alert to changing conditions which may affect roof or rib conditions.
- Know and follow the approved roof control plan.
- Install additional roof and/or rib support when adverse conditions are encountered or anticipated.
- Use supplemental support for immediate roof control such as screen, steel straps, header boards or larger roof bolt plates.
- When retreat mining, withdraw equipment immediately if the roof becomes unstable.
- Where appropriate, use extra support in the vicinity of the last row of bolts to prevent a roof fall that initiates in the unbolted cut from extending outby
- Use test holes to check for cracks and other hazards above the roof bolts.
- Tell mine management and other miners about unusual roof or rib conditions.
- Never travel under unsupported roof.



**REMEMBER:**  
Safety depends upon what you  
DO or DON'T DO.