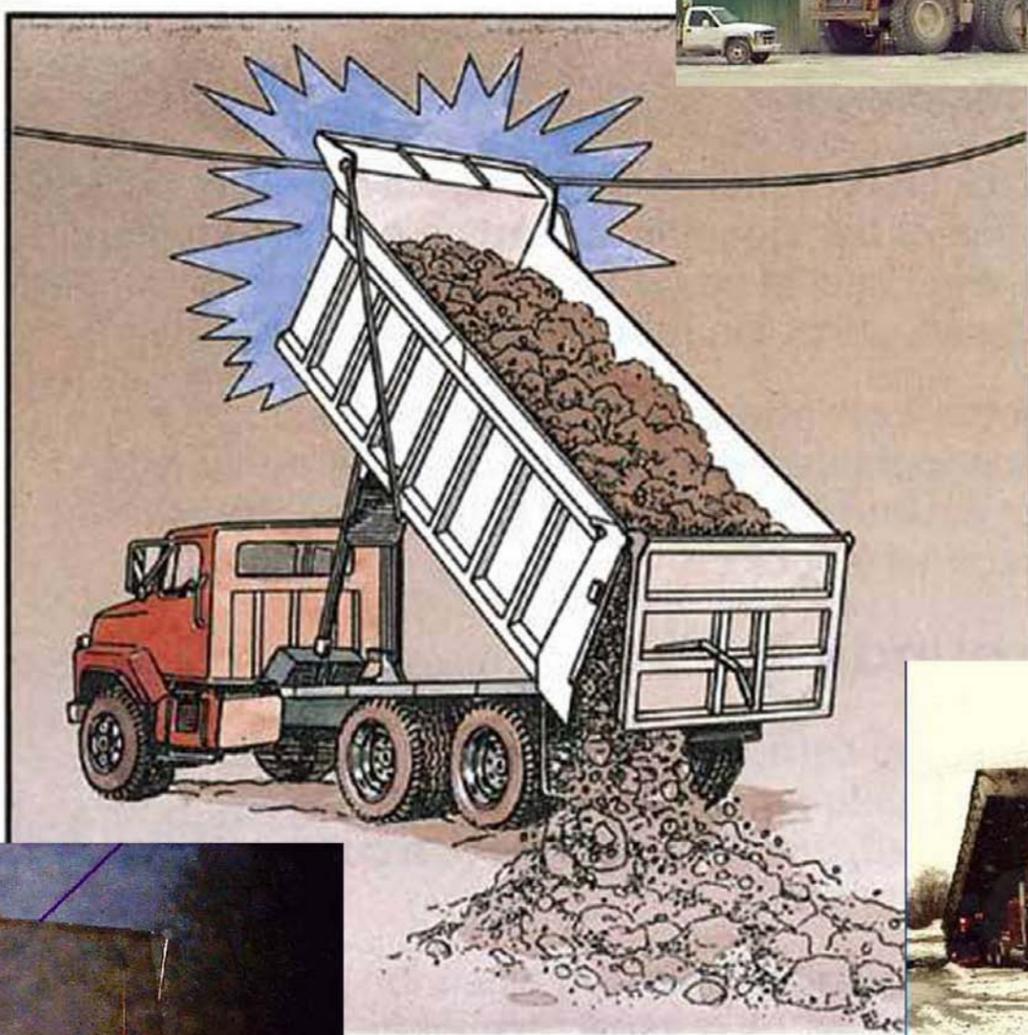


Southern WV Accident Alert

A near miss electrical accident occurred when a Caterpillar 777 rock truck driver emptied his load of coal at the dump site and pulled away without lowering his bed. After traveling approximately 200 yards, the raised bed contacted a telephone trunk line which caused the high voltage line crossing the roadway to break and contact the cab of the truck. The truck operator remained in the truck cab until company personnel were able to positively determine that the power lines were de-energized. The truck driver sustained no injuries from the occurrence.



Preventive Practices:

- ✓ Do not move the vehicle while the bed is raised or while operating a tarping device.
- ✓ Look for any low clearance powerlines before raising the bed or a tarping device.
- ✓ If your vehicle contacts a powerline:
 - ✓ Lower the bed or tarp (only from inside the cab) to break contact with the powerline, if possible.
 - ✓ Stay in the vehicle until it can be verified that the power is de-energized.
 - ✓ Do not allow anyone to come in the vicinity of the vehicle.
- ✓ Install in-cab warning devices that will give an alert:
 - ✓ When the truck is moved with the bed in the raised position.
 - ✓ When there are nearby high-voltage power lines.

