

Metal/Nonmetal Northeast District

Maintenance Accident

On January 15, 2009 a miner was injured when he attempted to remove a rock that was lodged between a conveyor belt and the belt scraper. The belt was in motion and the miner's hand was pulled into the pinch point by the scraper. The miner had a remote-control he could have used to stop the belt. He received lacerations to his fingers and a pinched fingernail which were treated at a local hospital.



Best Practices:

- Lock-out and tag-out equipment before work is performed.
- Block machinery against motion before performing maintenance or repair.
- Ensure all persons have received proper task training before assigning duties.