

# POTENTIALLY SERIOUS ACCIDENT



On December 19, 2007 at approximately 12:45 p.m. a tractor and trailer contract coal haul truck lost control while descending a 17% grade haul road at a surface mine. The yoke broke on the driveline and the driveline fell off the truck. The driver stated that he applied the foot brake, hand brake and the maxi brake before jumping from the loaded, moving coal truck. The truck traveled approximately one tenth of a mile from the point where the drive line broke before coming to rest at an intersection in the haul road that leads to an adjacent underground mine. The driver received no injuries. The tractor and trailer sustained extensive damage.

## \* BEST PRACTICES \*

- \* MAINTAIN CONTROL OF EQUIPMENT AT ALL TIMES
- \* ENSURE PERSONS HAVE BEEN HAZARD TRAINED BEFORE COMMENCING WORK
- \* DESIGN ROADWAY WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF GRADE AS POSSIBLE
- \* WHEN NECESSARY CONSTRUCT RUNAWAY RAMPS ALONG ROADWAY
- \* OPERATE EQUIPMENT AT SPEEDS PRUDENT AND CONSISTENT WITH CONDITION OF ROADWAY
- \* TRAVEL DOWNHILL IN THE SAME GEAR AS EQUIPMENT MUST TRAVEL UPHILL

