

NEAR MISS

On August 20, 2012, at approximately 2:55 p.m., a near miss occurred at a mine located in District 5. A contract tractor trailer driver was dumping a load of gravel in an area not accustomed to truck traffic. The truck driver raised his bed near an energized 69,000 volt power line. The top edge of the tarping mechanism contacted, or came in close proximity with one phase, resulting in 11 of 18 tires blown out, and bearings blown from the front axles. **The driver remained in the truck and was unharmed.** Had the driver exited his truck, the voltage would have dropped across his body when his foot touched the ground, which could have resulted in a fatality.



BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ Observe the worksite for potential hazards including overhead power lines before raising masts, booms, beds, etc, or placing large equipment in an area,.
- ✓ Realize that the equipment does not have to contact the power line to receive a fatal amount of electricity.
- ✓ If your vehicle comes in contact with power lines, stay in the cab unless a fire develops.