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EMERGENCY AWARENESS (BULLETIN – NO. 3 – 2023)

Kentucky DMS – Accident No.3

On Wednesday, September 15, 2023, a 33-year-old underground miner with approximately 14 years of mining experience was injured while working in an underground mine in the Hazard Branch.

The accident occurred while the miner was handling the trailing cable of the 10SC32 shuttle car he was operating. The miner stated that the circuit breaker had recently knocked at the section power center. After the power was restored, he was pulling the cable and felt a shock, causing him to trip and hit his head on the shuttle car. He received seven sutures on his head and a burn to his hand.

EQUIPMENT INVOLVED



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. When handling energized cables, use appropriate personal protective equipment.
2. De-energize, lock, and tag out all electrical trailing cables prior to handling them.
3. Conduct cable examinations as often as necessary to ensure safe operations.
4. Maintain all electrical cables in their original condition and repair any necessary defects in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
5. Train mine personnel in the hazards of working with and around energized power cables.