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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

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Kentucky DMS – Fatal Accident No.1

A belt man with 8 years of mining experience, 1 years at this occupation, was injured in the Harlan Branch.

The beltman was between the structure while replacing a bad splice in a conveyor belt when the belt unexpectedly started and drug him 585 feet down the belt entry, resulting in fatal injuries.

BELT SPLICING LOCATION



RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE

1. Never perform work on machinery until it has been locked and tagged out of service and blocked against motion.
2. A properly certified person shall perform all work on electrical circuits.
3. Provide additional training for all work procedures emphasizing best practices for each specific task.
4. Evaluate each work assignment to identify and remove potential risk.