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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

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Kentucky DMS – Serious Accident No.2

On May 25, 2018, a 47-year-old outby foreman with 25 years of mining experience, 8 years at this occupation, was seriously injured while operating a continuous miner in the Hazard Branch.

The foreman was beside the machine moving the trailing cable, when a section of the mine roof measuring 66 inches long by 38 inches wide and 5 inches thick dislodged and struck him in the head and back, pinning him to the side of the machine, resulting in multiple head and facial fractures.

ACCIDENT SCENE



RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE

1. Conduct thorough examinations of the roof and rib where miners will work or travel.
2. When draw rock is present, it shall be taken down or adequately supported.
3. When second mining is being performed, frequent and thorough roof and rib examinations must be conducted due to changing conditions.