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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

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Kentucky DMS – Fatal Accident No.1

On Saturday December 4, 2021, a 48-year-old underground miner with 16 years of mining experience was fatally injured while working at an underground mine in the Madisonville Branch.

The accident occurred when the victim was caught in a pinch point while trouble shooting a reported problem on a continuous miner. The victim received blunt force trauma type injuries when he was pinned between the components of the machine.

The Accident Scene



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Miners shall be trained to recognize potential pinch points hazards when electrical or major mechanical work is performed.
2. A suitable disconnect device providing visible evidence that the power is disconnected shall be locked open and a tag shall be posted by the individuals performing the work.
3. Repair or maintenance shall not be performed on machinery until the machinery is properly blocked against motion.