EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN
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Kentucky DMS – Fatality No.1

On Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, a 32-year-old surface miner with approximately 10 years of mining experience, 6 months at this mine, was fatally injured while working at a surface mine in the Harlan Branch.

The accident occurred while the victim was traveling on the main haul road when a tree dislodged from a highwall and fell on the motor vehicle (truck) he was occupying. The victim received fatal blunt force trauma-type injuries as a result of the accident.

The Accident Scene

Highwall associated with the accident

Area tree dislodged from

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Train all miners in highwall hazard recognition.
2. Report all hazards observed immediately to a supervisor.
3. Preshift examinations shall be conducted on all work areas prior to the assigning of work.
4. Loose debris shall be removed from all highwalls prior to travel in these areas.