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Kentucky DMS – Accident No.2

On Wednesday, January 26th, 2023, a 32 –year old underground miner with approximately 9 years of mining experience was seriously injured while working in an underground mine in the Hazard Branch.

The accident occurred while the miner was working as part of a 2 man crew assigned to repair a conveyor belt splice, positioned 160 feet inby the mine portal. While in the process of replacing the splice it appears the conveyor belt inadvertently started. One of the miners underwent emergency surgery for life-threatening internal abdominal injuries and the other was treated and released with minor injuries to his lower leg.

EQUIPMENT INVOLVED



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All miners shall be trained in proper work procedures emphasizing best practices for each specific task assigned.
2. Miners shall be aware of their location concerning the movement of equipment and the potential releases of stored energy.
3. Locking and Tagging out procedures and requirements of blocking against motion shall be utilized for all associated circuits and machinery components before the performing of work.