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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

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Kentucky DMS Emergency Awareness Bulletin – Machinery

On Thursday, November 30th, 2023, a 64-year-old miner with approximately 26 years of mining experience was seriously injured while working on a surface mine in the Harlan Branch.

The miner was attempting to repair an oil leak on a Caterpillar D-10R Dozer when the accident occurred. While removing the belly pan on the dozer, the miner was seriously injured when the belly pan inadvertently fell striking the miner in the upper torso.

Incident Scene



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. At all times while performing maintenance or repair work miners shall ensure stored energy has been safely released and/or adequately blocked against motion.
2. Miners shall be aware of their surroundings in relation to the movement of equipment and at no time position themselves in the line of fire.
3. When working with cables and/or chains, ensure that proper safeguards are in place to avoid chains and/or cables from becoming disconnected.
4. Additional training shall be provided for all work procedures to emphasize best practices for each task and to avoid complacency in the working environment. (Risk analysis)