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### **(Safety Alert – No. 2 – 2024)**

#### **Kentucky DMS – Alert No.2 Surface Prep plant**

On June 9th 2024, a 35-year-old Surface Miner with 16 years of experience greased a heavy media cyclone during routine maintenance. While attempting to check or change the grease bucket, he picked up the pneumatic grease gun with his right hand on the handle and his left hand on the side. The pump cycled, catching his left index finger, which later resulted in the finger being amputated.

### **The Incident Scene**



### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Use caution when working on or around pneumatic tools and ensure all guards are in place.
2. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on all tools.
3. Conduct proper examinations of the work area and ensure work is conducted safely.
4. Always be aware of the potential release of stored energy.