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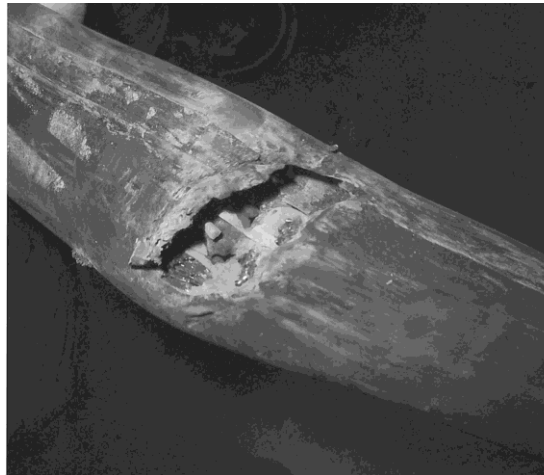
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**EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN
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On January 14, 2026, a 25-year-old Shuttle Car Operator with approximately 2 years of mining experience was injured while working in an underground mine in the Harlan Branch.

The miner was in the process of hanging the trailing cable's excess slack outby the anchor point when he received burns from an arc flash from the machine's trailing cable. The injured miner received burns to his hands, chest and face as a result of the electrical short circuit.

The Accident Scene



Recommendations to Prevent Reoccurrence

1. When possible, electrical circuits shall be properly de-energized when handling electrical trailing cables.
2. Properly rated electrical gloves shall be worn while handling trailing cables.
3. Trailing cables must be examined as often as necessary to ensure safe operation.
4. Trailing cables must be kept in safe working order according to the manufacturer's guidelines and all relevant rules and regulations.
5. The outer jacket of all electrical cables must be properly insulated to meet the dielectric rating and comply with all relevant rules and regulations regarding that cable.