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### SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

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#### Kentucky DMS Safety Alert No. 5 – FIRE

On November 27, 2023, an underground equipment fire was reported in the Harlan branch.

An unattended diesel-powered lo-trac caught fire and burned until extinguished by mine rescue teams approximately 25,000 feet underground. There were no injuries.

### **Incident Scene**



### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Never leave diesel equipment unattended while running.
2. The master switch / main breaker should be turned to the off position when equipment is not in use.
3. Always conduct a thorough pre-operational equipment examination.
4. Ensure that fire suppression systems are being maintained in an operable condition.