

HAZARD ALERT TOMORROW

Gas Well - Near Miss

On June 28th, 2016 at approximately 3:30 p.m., DMME was notified that a large boulder dislodged from a surface mine located upslope and traveled an estimated 700 feet before striking a portion of a surface gas well installation. The rock was 9.5 ft. x 9 ft. wide and 4 ft. to 6 ft. high. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident.



Safety Key Points:

- Mining methods must ensure adequate slope stability and provide effective control for dislodged material .
- Examine work areas to identify all possible hazards. Ensure that potential hazards are evaluated and eliminated so tasks can be performed safely.
- Regularly inspect the catch berms to ensure that they are not filled with spoil material. During rainfall events , more frequent examinations will be required.
- Ensure berms are properly constructed. Remember that berms are a safety barrier and should always be properly maintained.
- Regular safety meetings should be conducted with all employees regarding possible hazards that could result from dislodged material.