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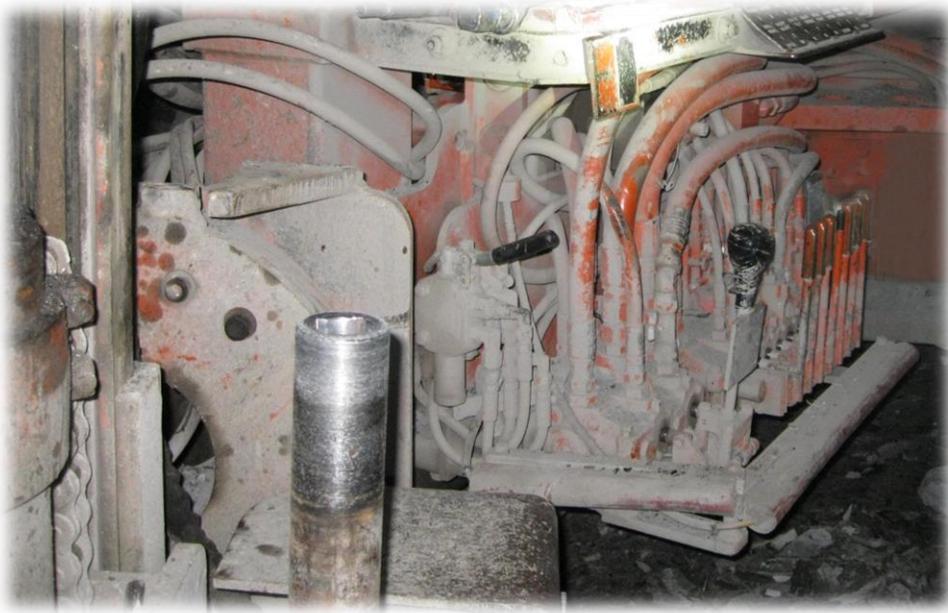
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At approximately 9:45 A.M. on July 27, 2015 a serious personal injury occurred at an underground mine located in Dickenson County, VA. The victim, who has eight years of experience as a roof drill operator and 11 in mining, was seriously injured when his left arm guard was entangled in the rotating head of a roof drill. The victim's left arm was severed at the elbow. At the time of the accident the victim was performing rehabilitation work that included installing wire mesh with fully grouted resin bolts.

The victim was transported by Med-Flight to a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky where surgery was performed.

### **SAFETY KEYPOINTS:**

- ✓ Gloves that may adhere to drill steel should not be used during drilling operations.
- ✓ Handling of drill steel should be eliminated through practices and or equipment technology.
- ✓ Wear proper gloves and remove rings, watches and other jewelry.
- ✓ Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing.
- ✓ Inspect drill steel, extensions and wrenches for jagged edges and burrs prior to using.
- ✓ Always keep hands away from pinch points.