

SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

HAULAGE NEAR MISS



UNDERGROUND HAULAGE ACCIDENT

On Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at approximately 10:45 p.m., a midnight utility foreman was operating a man trip bus entering the mine. The bus contained one other passenger. As the bus was traveling through the second set of air lock doors, one of the metal covers on the bus, which was apparently not properly secured, struck the frame of the inby air lock door, causing the cover to swing around and strike the victim in the back forcing his forehead to strike the front of the operator's compartment. The passenger, who had opened the air lock door, immediately checked his injured co-worker and transported him to the surface. First aid was administered and the injured foreman was transported to the hospital. Injuries received included head trauma, lacerations above the right eye, and lacerations down the center of the nose and nasal / sinus fractures. Reconstructive surgery will be needed later.

Safety Key Points

- **Self propelled mobile equipment shall be maintained in a safe operating condition.**
- **Track haulage roads shall have adequate, continuous clearance as required by state and federal regulations.**
- **Always remain vigilant and be constantly aware of your surroundings.**
- **All covers and guards on equipment should be kept in place and properly secured.**
- **Transportation equipment shall be inspected once a week and more often if necessary to assure its safe operating condition. Any defects found shall be corrected.**