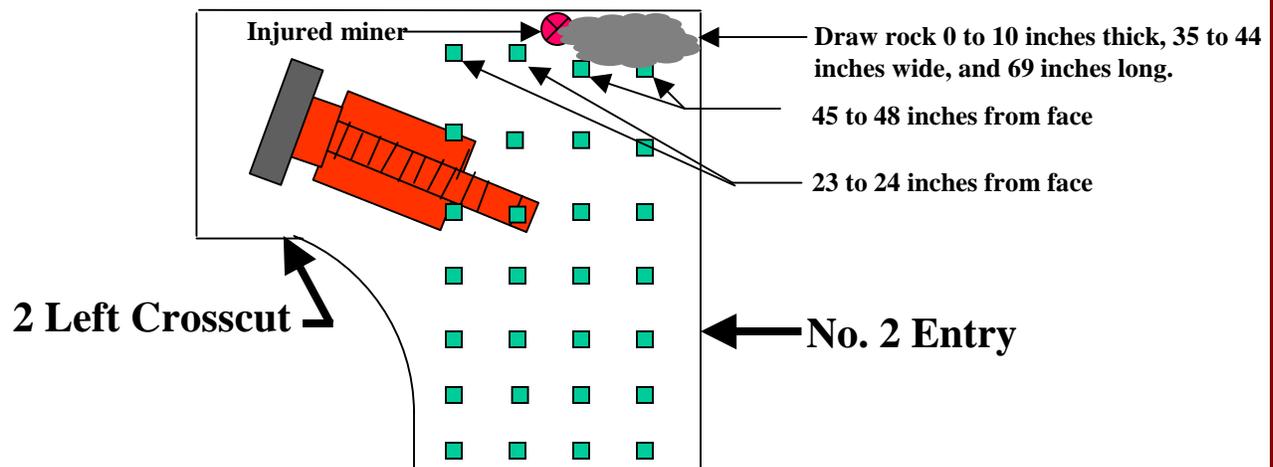




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On Wednesday evening, May 12, 2004 at 7:10pm., a remote control miner operator was injured while loading the last shuttle car from the first cut of the 2 left crosscut. A piece of draw rock measuring zero to 10 inches thick, 35 to 44 inches wide and 69 inches long fell between the last row of roof bolts and the face of #2 heading striking the miner operator on the head and right shoulder. The injured miner was transported to Clinch Valley Medical Center. X-Rays were negative and the injured miner was released later the same evening.

The end result could very well have been life threatening injuries or a fatality.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Make a thorough examination of the roof and ribs before entering an area.
- Continuously examine the roof and ribs during extended periods in one location.
- Remove any loose roof materials using the proper tools.
- Clean as much loose spillage as possible at the end of the cutting cycle to insure a safe easy access by the roofbolter and a uniform installation of roof bolts.

ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM