

HAZARD **A**LERT **L**IVE **T**OMORROW

ROOF CONTROL SAFETY ALERT **ROOF FALLS CAN BE A CRUSHING EXPERIENCE**

Many underground fatalities and serious accidents resulting from roof falls have occurred because of failure to comply with the approved roof control plan. These fatalities may have resulted from a lack of knowledge of or a disregard for the roof control plan requirements. Several roof fall accidents have also occurred where miners sustained serious, disabling injuries that could have been fatal. The number of near miss roof fall incidents is undetermined, but a significant number of miners have experienced “near-misses”. Also, nationwide, roof falls continue to be one of the leading causes of underground mining fatalities.

Is there any better time than now for all of us to intensify our efforts to eliminate this trend?

Technological improvements in roof support systems, equipment, and mining methods have resulted in dramatic improvements in mine safety. But, the bottom line is that all miners must become more knowledgeable of roof control safety and roof fall prevention. This knowledge must be seriously applied to make our work environment accident free.

ROOF FALL ACCIDENTS – TIME TO STOP!



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