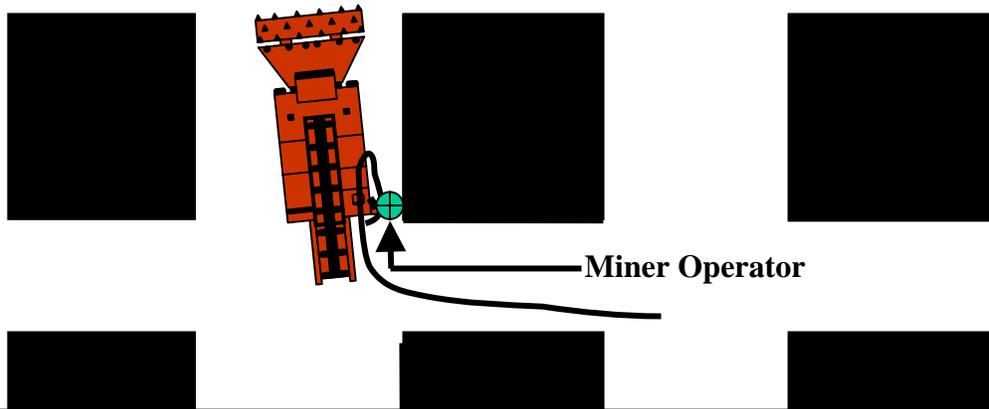




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



A remote control continuous miner operator was injured on December 13, 2004, at about 9:30 p.m., in the No. 2 entry when he was pinned between the mining machine and the rib. The miner operator had noticed that the cable was in danger of being pinched by the continuous miner as he trammed it backward, out of the No. 2 entry. Without shutting the continuous miner off, the miner operator reached down to clear the cable out of the way. As he bent over, the tram levers were engaged by his light cord or his clothing, causing the back end of the miner to slew toward him, pinning him against the rib. As the machine compressed him against the rib, the panic switch was activated, causing the miner to shut off. The section foreman, who was at the scene helping to move the miner, cut the remote control straps, retrieved the remote control box and used it to slew the miner in the opposite direction. The miner operator was hospitalized for two days but did not have any serious injuries.

SAFETY KEYPOINTS:

Before any work is performed on or around the continuous miner the following precautions should be observed:

- Deenergize the miner by turning off the pump motor;
- Prior to moving into a pinch point area, disconnect the remote control unit from the power source or cap light battery;
- Remove the remote control unit from your person and place it on the continuous miner or other suitable location;
- Never reenergize the continuous miner until all tasks are completed and everyone is positioned in a safe location, away from pinch points and haulage equipment.

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