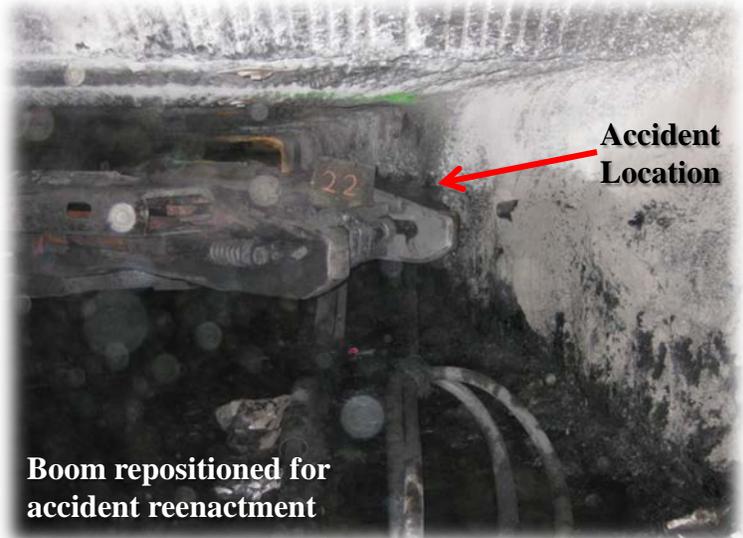


HAZARD ALERT LIVE TOMORROW

REMOTE CONTROL MINER FATALITY



Boom moved for extrication



Boom repositioned for accident reenactment

On Friday, February 21, 2014, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a continuous mining machine operator sustained fatal injuries when he was caught between the end of the conveyor boom and the coal rib. The victim was moving the continuous mining machine from the No. 2 entry to the No. 1 entry when the accident occurred. The victim was working alone and one of his coworkers found him entrapped between the continuous miner conveyor boom and the coal rib. The victim had approximately 5.5 years total mining experience and 3.5 years experience as a continuous miner operator. The mining height was approximately 44” where the accident occurred.

SAFETY KEYPOINTS:

- Proximity Detection systems are available for installation on continuous mining machines.
- Training on “**RED ZONES**” should be conducted frequently for all mining personnel who operate or work near continuous mining machines.
- Mining machine operators should be stationed away from “**RED ZONES**” and in a safe location while tramming the machine from place to place or while repositioning in the area being mined.
- Low tram speed should be used when the left and right traction drives are operated independently (splitting the crawlers) while tramming or repositioning continuous mining machines.
- Another person should be immediately available to assist the continuous mining machine operator when the machine is being moved or repositioned.
- The “Right Choice”, a safety video developed by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, which addresses continuous mining machine operator safety, can be reviewed during various types of training and retraining classes.

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