



SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



At approximately 10:15 A.M. on February 4, 2015 a serious personal injury occurred at a surface mine located in Dickenson County, VA. The victim who was a lead mechanic with 36 years of experience was injured when he became caught between the left front tire and the fuel tank on a Caterpillar 785B hauler. The injured person was in the process of checking the steering components on the hauler when the operator turned the steering wheel causing the crushing injury. The victim received injuries to the upper chest area that included a fractured collar bone (3-places) that required surgery. Both lungs were also partially collapsed.

Recommendations:

To assure that you have a safe work environment, the following recommendations may help prevent similar incidents from occurring.

- Never place any of your body in a pinch point.**
- When communicating with other miners, make sure all communications are understood and acknowledged.
- Be constantly aware of **Who** or **What** is in your work area and **Where** they are located.
- Always remain vigilant and be constantly aware of your surroundings.

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