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Serious Personnel Injury

On Thursday, September 28th, 2017 at approximately 7:20 AM, an accident occurred resulting in serious personal injury to an employee of a Dickenson County mine. The injured employee was attempting to load ventilation tubing into a shuttle car when he was struck by the load end bumper. The injured employee received first aid on the section and was transported to the surface where a local ambulance service was waiting. The victim was taken to a local hospital where he was examined and transferred to a larger hospital. Surgery was performed to repair damage to his left leg. He was discharged on September 30, 2017. It is important to mention that the shuttle car involved had off side controls and an operator compartment canopy which added to the operator's limited visibility.



SAFETY KEYPOINTS:

- When communicating with other miners, make sure all communications are understood and acknowledged.
- Take time to plan the work before beginning.
- Never place any body part in a pinch point.
- Don't assume that equipment operators see you. Make sure that equipment is de-energized before approaching.
- **Make verbal contact with equipment operators to alert them of your position and presence.**
- **Stay out of Red Zones of all equipment.**
- Be constantly aware of Who or What is in your work area and Where they are located.