Hazard Alert

Slips, Trips, and Falls

Between 2009 and 2013 there have been 4,123 miners injured as a result of slips, trips, and falls. Better lighting in the working area may have prevented or reduced a number of these accidents.

MSHA encourages the use of new lighting technology such as Halogen lights, LED (light emitting diode), and HID (high intensity discharge) lamps with fluorescent and incandescent lights in lighting systems for self-propelled mining equipment operated in underground coal mines.

One way to provide enhanced lighting on underground equipment is to obtain a statement of test and evaluation (ST&E). When all provisions of an ST&E are being adhered to, the lighting system is considered to be in compliance with MSHA’s machine lighting regulations under 30 CFR Sections 75.1719-1. For more information on obtaining an ST&E, contact Technical Support at (304) 547 2318.

REMEMBER:
Safety depends upon what you DO or DON’T DO.