

DISTRICT 2 – COAL MINE NEAR MISS



On January 6, 2005 at approximately 7:00 a.m., a 27- year old contract truck driver received minor injuries in a near miss accident at a coal preparation plant. The driver of a Kenworth tri-axle was dumping his load, when the driver of an International tri-axle pulled along side him and started to dump his load. When the driver of the International truck pulled forward to finish dumping, his rear wheels went into a soft spot, causing the truck to roll over on the driver's side. This truck's bed struck and crushed the passenger side of the Kenworth truck's cab. The driver of the Kenworth truck was taken to the hospital. His injuries included a strained neck and back. This was a lost time accident.

BEST PRACTICES

- Trucks dumping side by side should stay a distance of at least the height of the bed apart.
- Trucks dumping side by side should be positioned so that drivers can see each other.
- Contract operators should ensure that all drivers follow all safety rules and regulations at the mine.
- Truck drivers should make sure all persons and equipment are clear before moving the truck with the bed in a raised position.
- Ground where trucks dump must be able to support the weight of the trucks