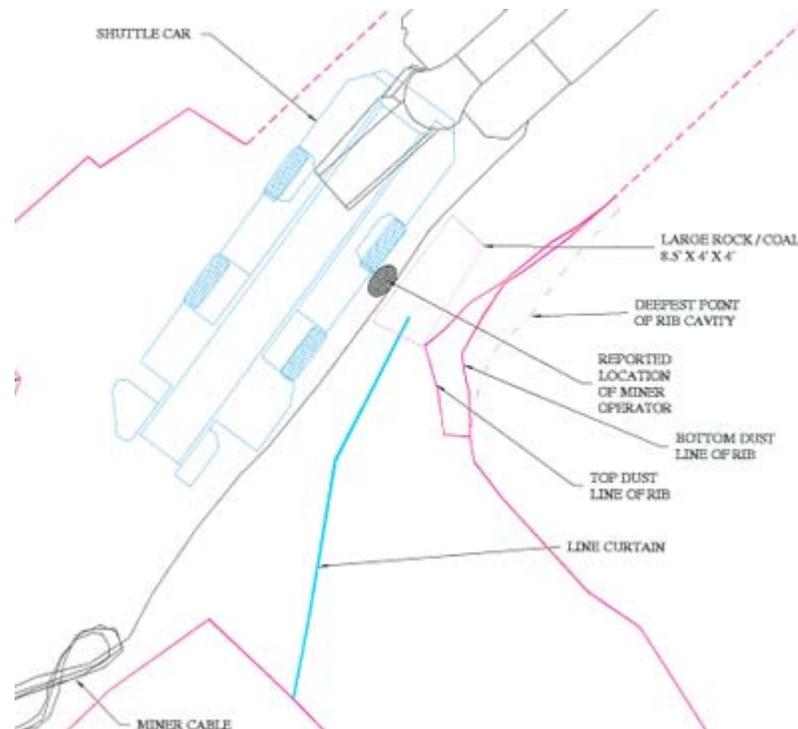




Fatality #41 - October 20, 2006
Fall of Face/ Rib/Highwall - Underground – WV
Kingwood Mining Company LLC – Whitetail Kittanning Mine

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Friday, October 20, 2006, at approximately 2:25 p.m. a 49-year old continuous mining machine operator, with 25 years of mining experience was fatally injured. A section of coal and rock measuring approximately 8.5 feet long, 4 feet thick and 4 feet in height slipped from the coal rib, because of a slip plane, and crushed him against a shuttle car.



Best Practices

- Conduct thorough preshift, onshift and workplace examinations to identify hazards involving roof or coal ribs.
- Always pull down or support coal ribs that are unstable.
- Train miners to identify slip planes and other unsafe conditions pertaining to coal ribs.
- Always be alert for geological changes so that slip planes, kettle bottoms, horsebacks, or slicken sides can be detected.

This is the 41st fatality reported during calendar year 2006 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2005, there were 16 fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the fourth fatality classified as Fall of Face, Rib, Side, or Highwall in 2006. During 2005, there were no fatalities in this classification.