



November 10, 2006 - Summary of a Non-Fatal Surge-Pile Accident, Coal River Processing LLC Fork Creek Preparation Plant, Lincoln County, West Virginia

A Caterpillar D8R dozer was leaving the stockpile area. As it came along side of the #7 and #8 feeders, the dozer slid into the cone shaped depression above the feeders and ending up on its top. The coal partially covered the dozer fouled the doors from opening. The operator was entrapped for three hours and thirty-five minutes until he was rescued.

All of MSHA's Best Practices and the West Virginia's Surge Pile requirements were in place at the time