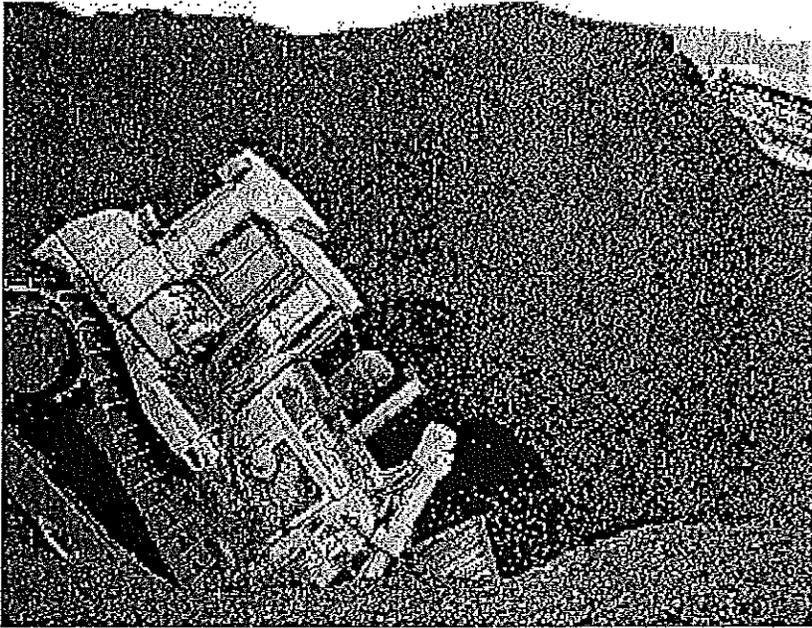


MSHA Accident Alert



Recently a dozer operator while preparing to push coal into a feeder drove the dozer into the feeder. The operator was thrown through the windshield into the feeder entrance. The operator was not wearing a seatbelt and received serious injuries.

Dozer Operator Best Practices

Dozer operators SHOULD ALWAYS:

- Wear your seatbelt.
- Keep all cab doors and windows closed and secured.
- Become familiar with the locations of the feeder draw points and visual indicators that identify which feeders are active.
- Know how to use the devices provided in the cab for remotely shutting down the stackers and feeders and ensure they work.
- Keep the equipment facing the drawhole and keep the drawhole nearly full during loadout to avoid operating near the edge of a deep drawhole.
- For additional information, go to the following link:
[http://www.msha.gov/Accident Prevention/newtechnologies/initiatives/surgepile/surgepile.htm](http://www.msha.gov/Accident%20Prevention/newtechnologies/initiatives/surgepile/surgepile.htm)