

Near Miss



October 5, 2011 a miner was seriously injured while attempting to bolt the first cut of a right crosscut. The roof bolting machine was brought through the last open crosscut after bolting the right cut through from No. 5 to No. 6 entry. The Fletcher double head bolter was positioned with the ATRS toward the outby corner preparing to install the corner bolts. The ATRS was placed under an overhanging brow on the corner shear, and was not in solid contact with the mine roof when the accident occurred. The right side operator was preparing to install the first corner bolt when draw rock from the unsupported cut fell without warning, striking the left side operator.

Best Practices

- Never work or travel under unsupported roof
- Conduct a thorough visual examination of the roof, face, and ribs immediately before any work or travel is begun, and thereafter as conditions warrant
- When a visual examination does not disclose a hazard, sound and vibration roof tests shall be conducted
- Know and follow the approved roof control plan
- Be alert to changing roof conditions
- Make sure you are positioned in a safe location at all times

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