

NEAR MISS

On October 7, 2008, at about 4:20 a.m., a fire was discovered on a rubber tired, diesel mantrip. While using the mantrip to transport miners to the surface, the left rear tire began to lose air. The miners continued toward the surface. The mine slope is 720 feet long at an 8 degree angle. Smoke was observed from the tire as the mantrip traveled up the slope. The mantrip was parked on the surface at about 1:00 a.m. The tire was examined and found to be completely flat and the smoke had subsided. Later, it was found to have ignited and was burning. The fire was extinguished.

Had the mantrip been left unattended in the mine, even more serious hazards could have resulted. Operating equipment with flat tires can be dangerous; both in loss of control of the machine, and potential fire hazards.



BEST PRACTICES:

- ▲ Do not operate equipment with a defect, i.e. flat tire.
- ▲ Follow equipment manufacturer's protocols and procedures.
- ▲ Ensure equipment operators receive proper task training.
- ▲ Conduct pre-operational checks of equipment before placing into operation.