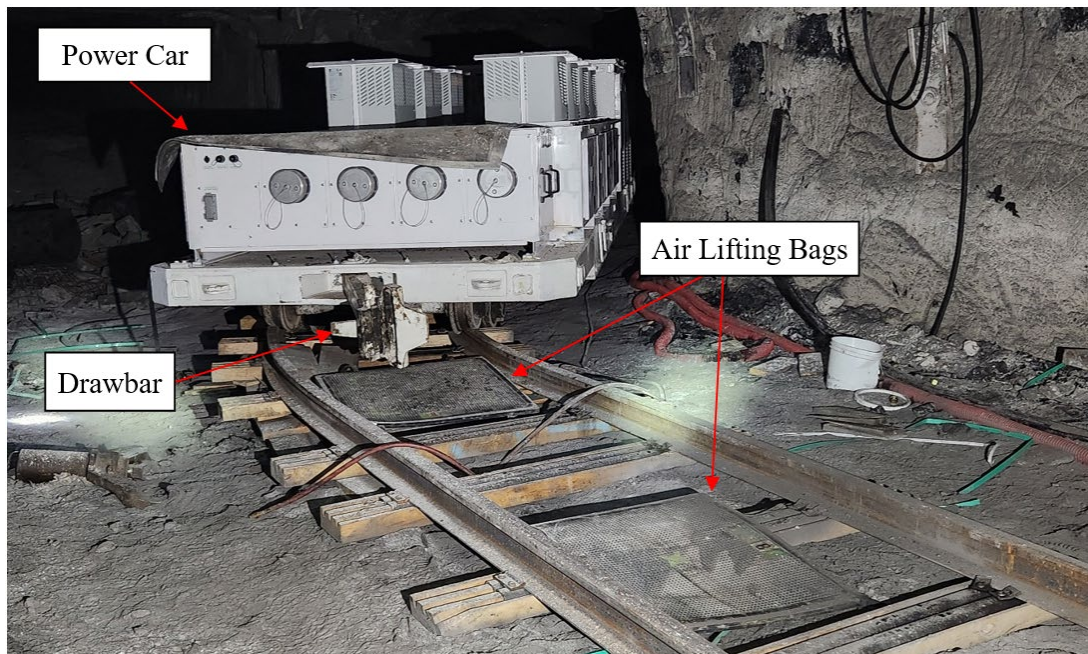


Safety Alert

Air Lifting Bags

A locomotive operator was fatally injured when air lifting bags dislodged while miners were working to rerail a longwall electrical power car. The movement of the air lifting bags caused the power car drawbar to strike the locomotive operator.



Best Practices

- Follow manufacturer instructions when using air lifting bags and train miners on these procedures.
- Place air lifting bags on firm support to ensure stability before inflation.
- When using multiple air lifting bags, use bags from the same manufacturer and of the same type, and never stack more than the recommended amount.
- Place a metal plate or fiberglass board between stacked air lifting bags to distribute the load evenly.
- Control inflation and deflation of air lifting bags from a safe distance with a controller and independent air hoses for each bag.
- Never exceed the specified working pressure or lifting capacity.
- Do not work under a load that is only supported by air lifting bags.
- Secure any components on the load to prevent unplanned movement.

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