

Accident Prevention Alert!

3 Foremen killed

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, a 32-year-old foreman was killed while attempting to install a canopy on a Joy 21 SC Shuttle Car. The canopy was suspended from the mine roof by a cable and chain. The foreman was seated in the operator's compartment of the shuttle car beneath the suspended canopy. The canopy shifted and fell.

On Saturday, March 10, 2012, a 34-year-old section foreman operating a continuous mining machine was killed when he was struck by a rock which fell from the right rib. The rock was approximately 10.5 feet long, 40 inches high, and 1 to 10 inches thick.

On Saturday, March 17, 2012, a foreman was killed while attempting to attach a nylon lanyard to a moving front-end loader and a transportation dolly on a highwall mining machine. The victim was pinched between the front-end loader and the dolly.

+1 Miner killed

On Sunday, February 26, 2012, a 52-year-old deckhand with 4 years of mining experience drowned after being assigned to measure the distance from the water surface to the bottom of empty barges that were to be loaded. Although the miner was wearing a flotation device, it was not designed to keep an unconscious miner's face above water.

4 Consecutive weekends

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