



SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On February 12, 2005, at approximately 1:45 p.m., a loader operator was seriously injured. He was gathering trash to be burned at the foot of a highwall. It is unknown what struck the loader operator; he was found lying about 30 feet from the highwall. He had sustained five fractured ribs and a lacerated liver.

- **Watch for freezing and thawing conditions on highwalls whenever temperature changes occur.**
- **Conduct examinations prior to beginning work around highwalls and as frequently as necessary to ensure safety.**
- **Communicate changes in highwall conditions to oncoming shifts.**
- **Scale down loose material prior to performing work. (Scaling of material should be accomplished using long reaching equipment).**
- **Scaling equipment should have the cab area turned away from the highwall.**

ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM