Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy





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Serious Personal Injury

On Sunday July 29, 2018 at approximately 10:09 a.m., a utility operator received a serious personal injury at a Dickenson County deep mine. The victim was a passenger in a man-trip following a scoop that was pulling a loaded flatcar with lights on in both directions. As the mantrip approached from the rear of the loaded scoop, the lights blinded the mantrip operator causing him to veer to the right and brush the mine entry rib. The victim was transported to a local hospital where it was determined he had a dislocated right hip, acetabulum fracture and torn ligaments.



Recommendations:

- To ensure a safe work environment, the following recommendations are provided:
- Stay out of pinch point areas. No person shall place themselves in a pinch point between equipment, face or ribs during operation. Equipment operators should always ensure that everyone is clear before starting or moving machinery.
- Expect the unexpected when operating mantrips. Always stay alert to changing haulway conditions.
- Travelway clearance and visibility must be maintained to operate machinery in a safe manner.
- Always remain vigilant and be constantly aware of your surroundings.
- Maintain a safe operating distance between all moving equipment.

