## Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

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## BED SECTION OVERTURNED DURING ASSEMBLY



At approximately 9:00 a.m. on July 31, 2013, a miner was seriously injured when a bed section of a 785D haul truck overturned during assembly. The section had been placed upright on the ground and the lifting chains were disconnected to allow the boom truck to be repositioned. Two crib blocks were used to level/support the piece in order for it to stand upright. The victim was apparently moving to a safer location while the truck was being moved. He was located between the bed section and the boom truck. As the boom truck and lifting chains were being repositioned, the bed section overturned striking the victim and pinning his lower torso against the ground causing serious injuries.

## **KEY SAFETY POINTS:**

- Always ensure that equipment and heavy items are secured in place before approaching or attempting any work.
- Always be aware of your body positioning to avoid pinch points and potential danger zones if something should go wrong.
- Two mobile cranes are recommended for truck body assembly. This
  will make it easier to position the sections and allow one crane to
  always be connected if the other crane has to be repositioned.

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