

On April 22, 2004, at approximately 5:30 P.M., a 2nd shift roof bolter operator was seriously injured in a roof fall. The roof bolter operator was located near the last row of roof bolts when the fall occurred. The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for a fractured pelvis, dislocated knee and fractured lower leg.

RECCOMMENDATIONS:

- Because of the dangers of slabs of rock riding back into previously supported areas from newly exposed crosscuts, best practice would be not to advance inby the ATRS when, it is set to start supporting top.
- Miners should observe their work areas for hazardous conditions.
- Loose roof should be taken down or supported from a safe location.

ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM