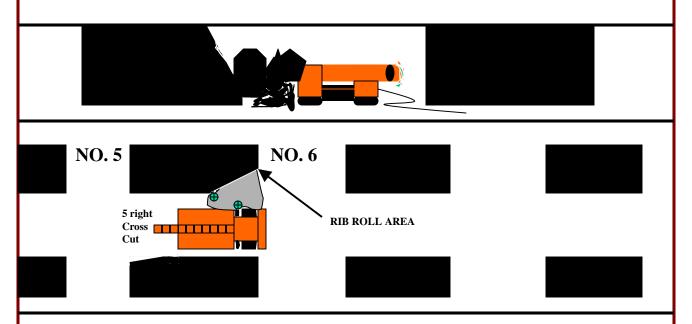


## SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

## BE AWARE OF UNSTABLE RIBS



On January 8, 2004, at approximately 1:40 AM, two maintenance foremen received serious injuries in a rib roll accident that occurred in a crosscut near the corner of No. 6 entry. Both foremen were transported to the hospital and required surgery.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Be alert for changes in mining and roof conditions as they could create unstable rib conditions.
- Loose or overhanging ribs and faces shall be taken down or supported.
- Miners exposed to danger from falls of roof, face, and ribs shall examine and test the roof, face and ribs before starting work or before starting a machine and as frequently thereafter as may be necessary to ensure safety.

ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM