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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

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Kentucky DMS – Fatal Accident No.1

A 29-year-old Foreman/Belt Man with 8 years of mining experience, 1 year at this occupation, was fatally injured in the Harlan Branch.

He was positioned between the structure as he and a co-worker were replacing a bad splice when the belt unexpectedly started. This resulted in him becoming entangled in the conveyor belt and splicing equipment as he was taken down the entry.

BELT SPLICING LOCATION



RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE

1. Never perform work on machinery until it has been locked and tagged out of service and blocked against motion.
2. Stop and start controls are not an adequate means to de-energize electrical circuits, instead, utilize proper disconnect devices that are locked and tagged by those performing the work.
3. All electrical work shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of a certified electrician.
4. Evaluate each work assignment to identify and remove potential risk.