

METAL / NONMETAL

Close Call Alert

Phosphate - Surface – A miner became trapped in a truck-dump chute when he attempted to dislodge material that had become bridged. He was trapped for nearly 3 hours. The miner did not sustain serious injuries.



BEST PRACTICES

- Establish safe work procedures for any work conducted in these areas
- Communicate frequently with other miners.
- Never work over frozen material feeding into bins, hoppers, and draw-off tunnels.
- Disconnect and lock out the circuits controlling the feed before entering.
- Always wear a safety belt, lanyards, and/or tag lines when entering these areas, with a second person attending the tag line.
- Avoid working around draw holes to feeders and draw-off tunnels on foot, and if necessary, do not work with your back to steep stockpiled material which could shift and slide without warning.

