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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

To: All District Supervisors, Inspectors, Analysts and Instructors
From: Tracy Stumbo, Chief Accident Investigator, Division of Investigations
Date: January 25, 2008

EAB-08001 - Kentucky Fatal Accident No. 1 - Surface Haulage

At approximately 12:48 am on January 8, 2008, a rock truck operator was fatally injured at a surface mine in the Hazard District. The victim was 29 years old with one year mining experience. He had worked at this mine for sixteen days.

The accident occurred when a Caterpillar 777 rock truck being operated by the victim over-traveled the edge of a dump and rolled down the spoil slope.

Preventative Measures:

1. Adequate berms shall be provided and maintained for dump sites.
2. Dump sites shall be properly illuminated.
3. Work areas shall be visited frequently by a certified foreman to ensure work is being done in a safe manner.
4. Equipment operators shall be properly trained in dumping procedures.
5. Seat belts shall be worn while operating equipment.