



Spring Startup

The beginning of spring signals the startup of mines that were idled during the winter months. Often when these operations recommence, they begin with new employees who are new to the mining environment. The new workforce, along with miners performing unfamiliar tasks, has resulted in this time of the year being the second deadliest month in the aggregate mining industry.

Think, Plan, Train... Before You Begin Work!

- Establish safe work procedures
- Follow manufacturers' recommendations
- Secure, block and/or chock equipment against movement
- Discuss all hazards and correct them before starting work
- Alert employees to the hazards
- Keep training up to date
- Task train employees on any new equipment or new procedures

Task Analysis and Work Place Examinations

- Conduct a workplace examination of the area before you start to work
- Analyze the job before beginning work
- Hazards and safety controls associated with the job should be properly communicated, before starting work
- Make sure appropriate tools are available for the job/use them

Areas of Focus

- Ensure that all guarding is securely attached and in the proper location.
- Perform a visual inspection of all exposed wires and their connections. Make sure to repair or replace any damaged or worn areas.
- Inspect all berms to ensure they are at the proper height and location.
- Be prepared for fluctuating temperatures and wet, muddy conditions



"Be Where Your Feet Are"... Pay attention to the task at hand.