



SAFETY ALERT

NEAR MISS INVOLVING CONTINUOUS MINER POD

INCIDENT:

While operating a 12CM12 bolter miner a piece of roof stone being conveyed up the centre chain contacted a one tonne materials pod on the side of the machine and lifted it off the location lugs and caused it to fall off one end of the machine.



CIRCUMSTANCES

Two persons were in the vicinity of the miner. The miner driver could have been pinned under the pod had it fallen completely.

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INVESTIGATION

The pod was not adequately retained

The miner driver was in a position which may have exposed him to injury
Similar incidents have occurred at other mines while loading or unloading material pods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mines should review the design and construction of miner material pods.
- Mines should review procedures for loading and unloading miner material pods.
- Mines should review their procedures for identifying and controlling safe work zones around continuous miners.



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