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MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL INSPECTORS-AT-LARGE AND SURFACE INSPECTORS
 FROM: TERRY L. FARLEY AND JOHN MEADOWS *JM*
 DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 1993
 RE: CHOCK BLOCKS

Recently rubber type chock blocks have been issued to each health and safety surface inspector. These blocks are designed to secure a haulage type truck that is being inspected. The following precautions should be followed when utilizing the blocks.

1. Inspection should be conducted on a level area away from active working areas. The blocks are not designed to prevent a truck from rolling downgrade.
2. These blocks are not designed to secure all sizes and types of haulage equipment. The blocks should not be used to secure off-road haulage equipment.
3. Place the chock blocks in a position beginning on the drivers side, one in front and one behind the drive axle tires or between the axles, and advise the driver that the wheels have been chocked. Remove the chock blocks when the inspection has been completed.
4. These blocks are not designed to secure a vehicle stationary in all situations and conditions. As always, caution should be taken and common sense should be used when inspecting vehicles.

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