



MEMORANDUM

TO: MHST Inspectors-at-Large and
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FROM: Doug Conaway, Director *Doug Conaway*

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RE: Mobile Bridge Conveyors

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As a result of a recent mine fatality involving a mobile bridge conveyor it is necessary to provide the following clarification.

Title 36, Series 30, Section 4.5 reads: "Parking brakes shall be set on all self-propelled section haulage equipment by the equipment operator before the operator leaves the normal operating position of such equipment. Where the parking brake is not provided, or where it is necessary to perform maintenance on the equipment which requires that the park brake not be set, other methods shall be used to prevent accidental movement of the equipment".

All mobile bridge conveyors are equipped with de-energizing switches that shut off power to the bridge the operator is on and also the operator can shut off power to any other bridges to which his/her unit is connected, so that any unexpected movement is not possible.

It is the agency's position that all mobile bridge operators will de-energize not only the bridge they are operating but any mobile bridge that is connected to the mobile bridge they are on prior to leaving the normal operating position.

JDC:ks