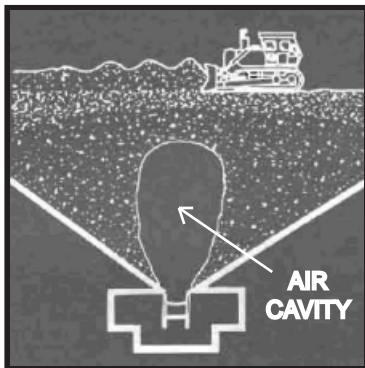


## Surge Pile Operator Safety Equipment

“Pushing Coal on a Surge Pile is the Most Dangerous Job at a Prep Plant”

The Mine Safety and Health Administration reports 19 fatalities due to surge pile accidents in the last 30 years with several non-fatal accidents each year.

A recent accident occurred on May 24, 2010 at a New Jersey generating station when a bulldozer fell into a feeder air cavity. Luckily the operator was rescued without serious injury.



An air cavity forms unseen near the feeder conveyor entrance.







A bulldozer completely buried after falling into a feeder air cavity.

### West Virginia Surge Pile Rule

Title 36, Series 27, Section 5

“In addition, the cab shall be equipped with a remote-control device capable of stopping the flow to and from the feeder”

-  Emergency Stacker & Feeder Shut-down
-  Long Range Transmission
-  Controls are Easily Accessible
-  Secure Equipment Identification

