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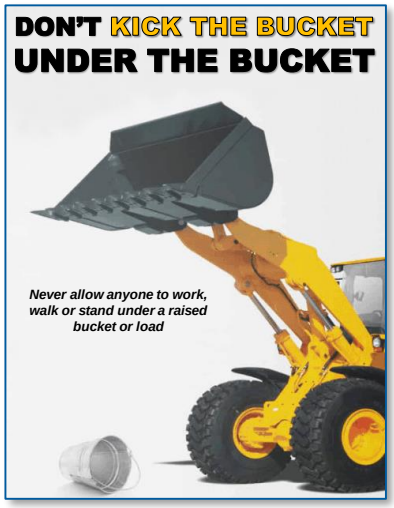
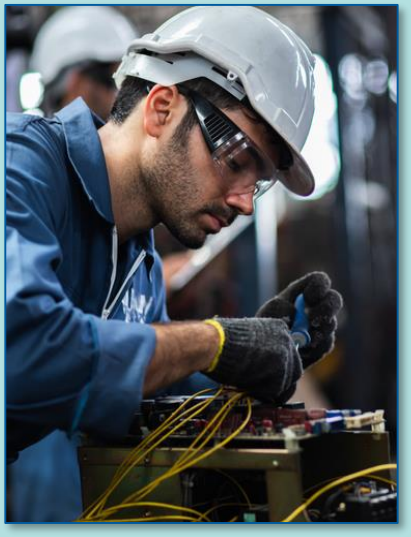
Stored Energy – Are You Aware of the Hazards?

In the mining industry, various type of stored energy are prevalent, each posing unique hazards and requiring special safety measures. *Stored energy is power that has not been used or dissipated and is ready to be released*. Failure to recognize and control stored energy can cause injuries or death of miners.

CAN YOU NAME THE 5 TYPES OF STORED ENERGY?

1. **Potential Energy** is a significant concern due to **the stored gravitational energy** in over burden and unstable rock formations, which can cause **collapses and cave-ins**.
2. **Chemical Energy** stored in **explosives** present risks of **accidental detonation** during handling, transportation, and blasting.
3. **Mechanical Energy** is stored in **heavy machinery and equipment**, such as hydraulic fluid pressure, pneumatic pressure, conveyor belts, crushers, and drills which can pose hazards if not properly maintained and/or operated.
4. **Electrical Energy** stored **in batteries and electrical systems** are also present, posing risks of **shock and fire** if not handled correctly.
5. **Thermal Energy** can lead to **burns and heat-related illnesses** if not managed.





ALWAYS FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES WHEN WORKING WITH STORED ENERGY

- ***Follow*** **the equipment manufacturer's recommended maintenance procedures** while conducting repairs to machinery/equipment.
- ***Learn*** **to recognize potential hazardous conditions** from stored energy and understand safe job procedures to eliminate all hazards before beginning work.
- ***Ensure*** **power circuits are de-energized** before beginning work on equipment/machinery, locked out/tagged out and the equipment/machinery is blocked against hazardous motion.
- ***Position*** **yourself safely** to prevent being exposed to any hazards.
- ***Be aware*** **of stored energy** when raising or lowering equipment.
- ***Maintain*** **sight or voice communications** between the person handling high pressure equipment and the person operating the controls.