

## METAL/NONMETAL Close Call Alert

Underground Silver Ore – The operator of an LHD narrowly escaped injury when the leading edge of the LHD's bucket struck a miss-fired shot. The undetonated blast hole was hidden by a muck pile and exploded upon impact. The operator was not injured but the bucket sustained serious damage.



### Best Practices

- Conduct thorough post-blast inspections and wet down muck piles to ensure miss-fired holes are discovered and properly addressed.
- Use explosives, detonators and initiating systems best suited for conditions in the area of the mine in which you are working.
- Only properly trained and experienced miners should be in charge of loading and blasting activities.
- Damaged or deteriorated explosives should not be used.
- Count the number of hookups and compared that to the number of detonators used prior to initiating the blast.



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