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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 50

TO: ALL OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF J. H. FLETCHER & CO. ARM FEED ROOF BOLTING EQUIPMENT

FROM: RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
J. H. FLETCHER & CO.

DATE: APRIL 1994

SUBJ: PINCH POINT ZONE

J. H. Fletcher & Co. wishes to inform you of three fatal accidents to operators of arm feed roof bolters. These accidents resulted from operators placing their head in a hazardous position between the driller canopy and the arm of the feed boom.

Arm feed roof drills incorporate an arm feed boom arrangement. This arrangement allows the boom arm to support the drillhead in the drilling and bolt insertion cycle. In this process, the boom arm must travel past the stationary driller canopy, and this creates a hazardous pinch point area that must be avoided.

J. H. Fletcher & Co. feels there is no operational need or reason which requires an operator's head or other body part to be positioned in this hazardous area, but if for some maintenance reason the operator must enter this area, the electric motor driving the hydraulic pump must be de-energized and the drillhead placed in a secured position.

To prevent serious injury or death, J. H. Fletcher & Co. requests that all operators be immediately informed that placing one's head or body part between these two mechanisms will result in serious injury or death.

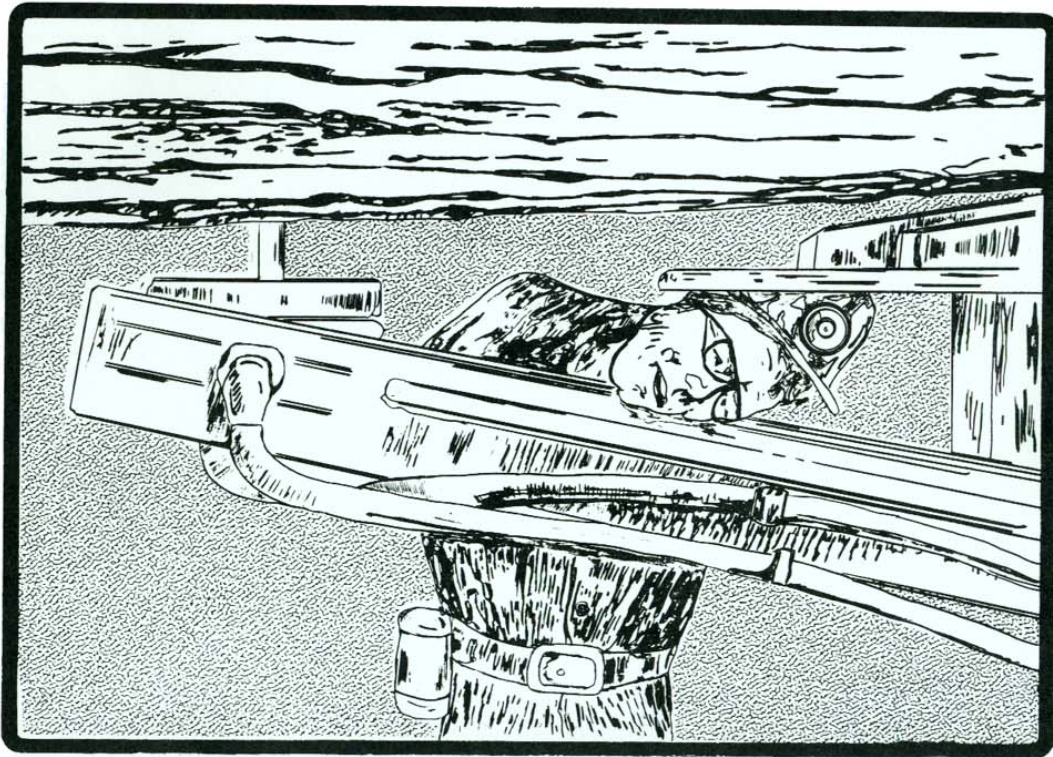
To assist in notifying operators, J. H. Fletcher & Co. has enclosed a handout to be individually distributed to all operators and posters that can be placed in strategic locations at your mine.

J. H. Fletcher & Co. requests that you consider this an immediate safety concern, and alert all operators and potential operators to this hazard.

If you need additional handouts or posters, or have any questions, please call the Risk Management Department at 304/525-7811, ext. 240.



DANGER



CRUSHING HAZARD!

**SERIOUS INJURY OR
DEATH WILL OCCUR!**

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If you are operating a bolter, plan to operate a bolter or change out on a bolter during your work cycle, you should be aware that there is the potential for you to get your head or any body part caught between the boom and canopy if you do not stay clear of this mechanism.

TO AVOID THIS PINCH POINT YOU SHOULD:

1. Constantly evaluate your job performance as a roof bolter. Stay clear of all pinch points. Make sure you:
 - A) Have adequate room to bolt.
 - B) Always shut the machine down before performing maintenance on your roof drill.
 - C) Never position yourself as shown in the illustration.
2. Make a visual inspection of your driller controls, checking for the following:
 - A) Make sure your driller control levers are self-centering.
 - B) Never modify or bend your driller control levers.
 - C) Make sure your strip switch is operating properly.
 - D) Maintain all boom arm guards.
3. If you have questions about operating the machine, review your operators manual or consult with your section foreman.
4. Report any unsafe or hazardous operating conditions to your foreman immediately, before continuing.

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BE ALERT TO THE HAZARDS OF THIS PINCH POINT AT THE DRILLER CONTROLS.

If you have any questions, notify your mine management.