

## Dangerous incident | IncNot0041605

### Open cut coal

**Summary:** A dozer was working on a stockpile during train loading operations when the active valve ceased feeding. Train loading was then completed on an alternate valve. The dozer operator then attempted to clear the original valve when a void opened underneath the dozer. The dozer did not fall into the void because the blade and ripper were still on solid coal. The dozer driver got out safely.



**Comments to industry:** The hazard of concealed voids exists on stockpiles and must be included in risk assessments, training and procedures for operators. Operators must be trained to identify when the risk of concealed voids is present and the procedure required to control the hazard.