

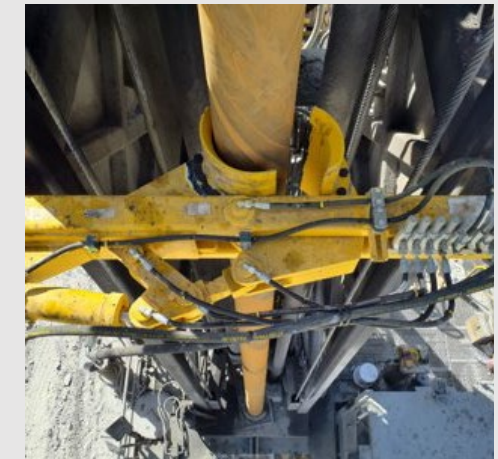
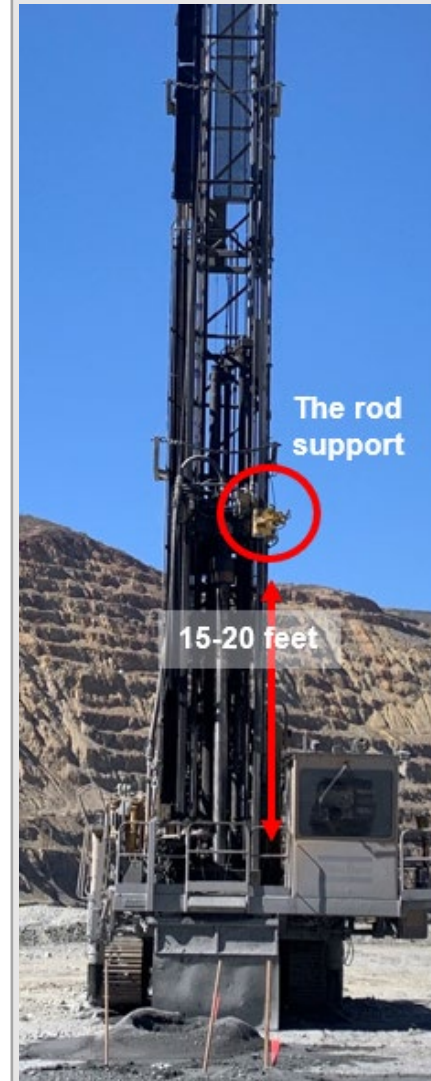


Potential Fatal Event: Falling Rod Support on Drill

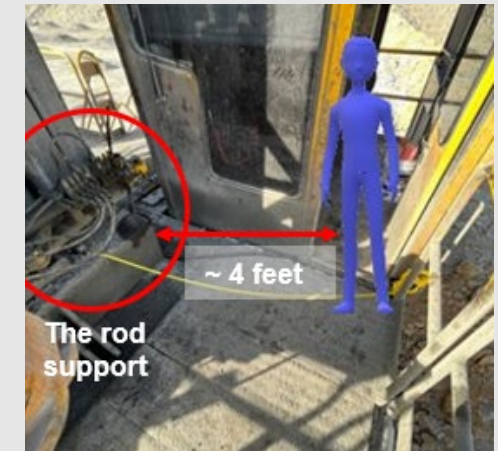
Preliminary Incident Details

Operation	Sierrita
Date / Time	October 21, 2023 / 3:20 a.m.
Type	Property Damage
Summary	A drill operator was in position to start a new hole and stepped out of the cab onto the platform. As the employee was looking away, the rod support mechanism – estimated to weigh approximately 500 pounds – fell 15 to 20 feet and landed on the deck about four feet away. The operator was struck on the shoulder with a hydraulic hose attached to the rod support.
Fatal Risk	Falling Objects
Risk Category	Actionable
Pre / Post Rating	Significant (3) Likely (3)
Findings / Missing Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operator competencySafety cable failed
Applicable Policies / Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drill SOP
Employee Condition	No Injury
Contact	Allen Bruce Kinney, Superintendent-Mine Operations

Photos / Links



The rod support in place around the drill shaft.



The employee's position when the rod support fell.