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- Inspect all highwall areas before working in the area and throughout the work day.
- Increase frequency of inspections during inclement weather conditions.
- If hazards exist, immediately stop all operations in the area and ensure a safe distance is maintained until hazards have been removed.
- Communicate all highwall hazards immediately to supervisors and all crew members.
- Maintain diversion and berm areas at the top of the highwall.
- Never walk between the equipment and the highwall area.
- Position the equipment so the cab and door are away from the highwall when loading equipment.
- Workmen operating equipment near a highwall should never leave the cab. If it is necessary to leave the cab area, the equipment should be moved away from the highwall.