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## Safer Mining Technologies Session New Proximity Detection Technology

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## General Overview

**Proximity Detection,  
when deployed correctly,  
can help **save lives** and  
**reduce lost-time accidents** –  
with little or no loss  
in mine productivity.**





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## Prox Technology Timeline

**2005**

**M3-1000  
System  
Development**

**2009 – 2011 Installs  
(Matrix & Joy)**

50 CMs Operational  
6 Companies, 19 mines

**2012**

**IntelliZone  
System  
Development**

**2006 - 2008**

**Mine Testing  
Pre-production  
Deployments**

**2012 – Present  
Installs  
(Matrix & Joy)**

150+ CMs Operational  
10+ Customers  
34 mines



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## Proximity System Comparison

### Gen 1: M3-1000

- Designed for CMs
- Fixed sensing range for slow moving equipment (6 drivers). Approx. 35 ft.
- Limited SharpZone technology
- Robust, mine-proven construction
- Marketed by Matrix as M3-1000
- Marketed by Joy as SMARTZONE

### Gen 2: IntelliZone

- Designed for full section
- 3x+ increased sensing range, designed for slow and fast moving (4 Drivers)
- Full SharpZone technology
- Robust, mine-proven construction
- Marketed by Matrix as IntelliZone
- Marketed by Joy as SMARTZONE (Gen 2)





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### Components:

- Drivers installed on machine
- Locator on miner, in CM remote, or in another vehicle





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## IntelliZone™ (Gen 2)

**CM  
Driver**

**Shuttle  
Car  
Driver**

**Locator on  
Operator**





## IntelliZone Driver

### Drivers (4 per vehicle)

- Smaller than M3-1000 receivers
- Machine-mounted near corners
- Polycarbonate enclosure with potted-XP electronics inside



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- Small diameter cable
- Adapter for existing pockets available
- Permissible





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## IntelliZone Locator

### Locator or Personal Wearable Device (PWD)

- Cell phone sized
- 18 Hour Rechargeable Battery
- Audible & Visual Alerts
- Auto-Test on Surface Prior to Underground Use
- Intrinsically Safe Version for Coal Mines





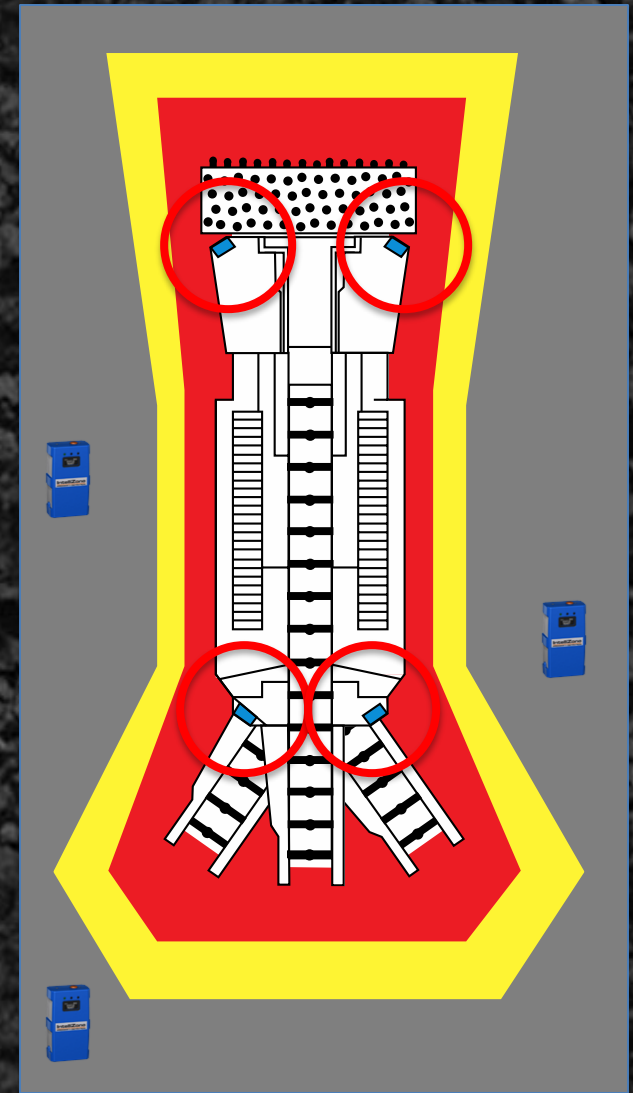
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### Awareness Zones

- Drivers on machine emit spread-spectrum electromagnetics
- Advanced software algorithms provide (X,Y) location of personnel & vehicles around machine, and allow generation of multiple, “shaped” zones (SharpZone Technology)







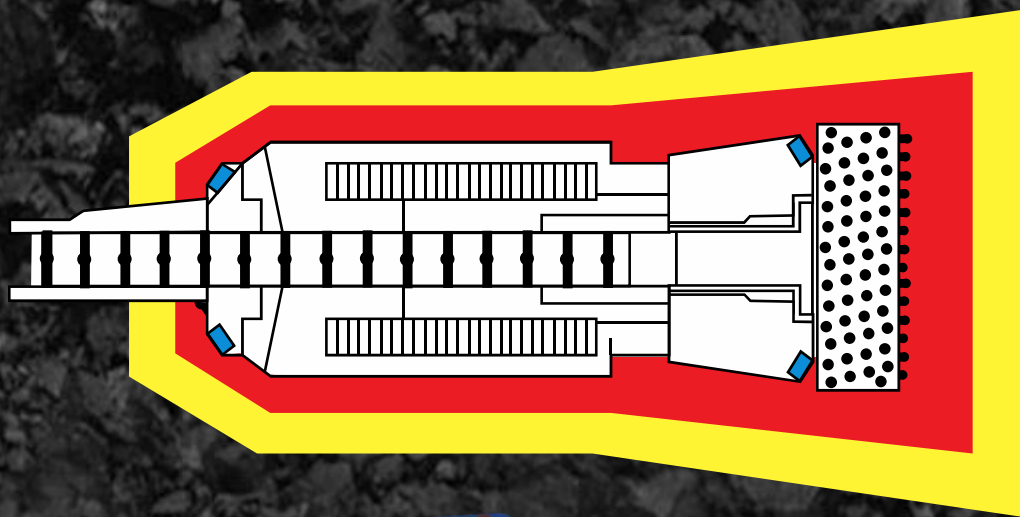
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## IntelliZone Technology

- **SharpZone Technology Creates:**
  - Precise Zone Shapes
  - Safe, Efficient Zones





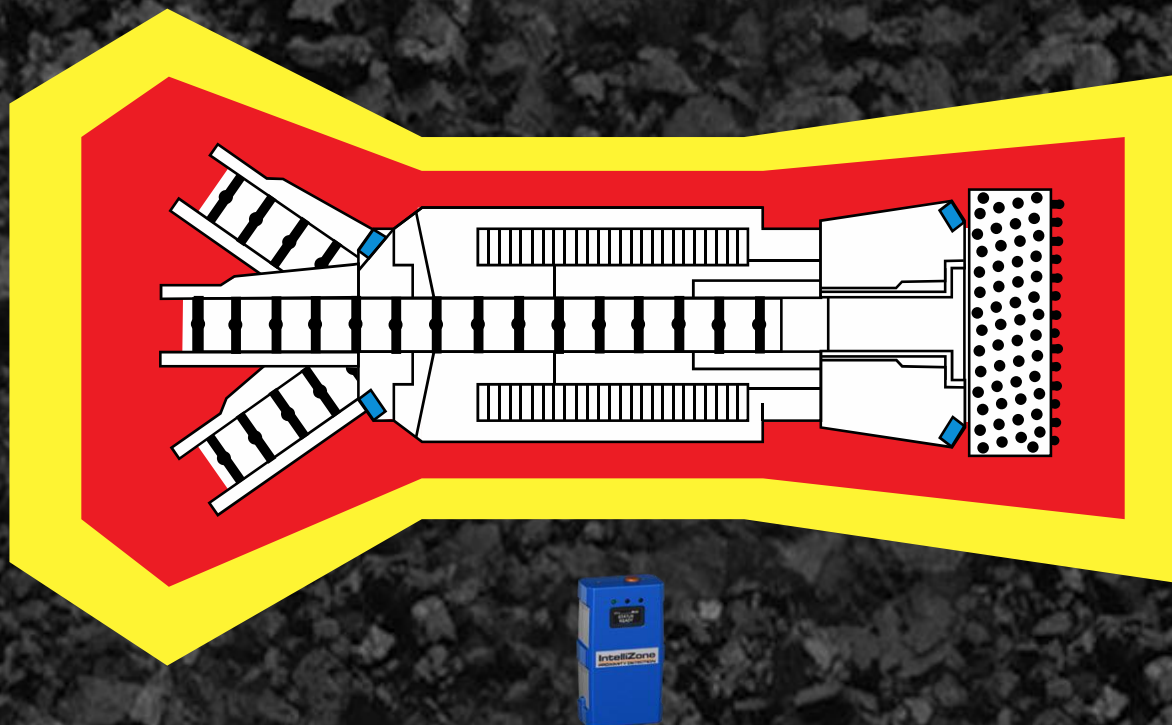
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## IntelliZone Technology

- SharpZone Technology Creates:
  - Automatically reshapes zones







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## IntelliZone Technology

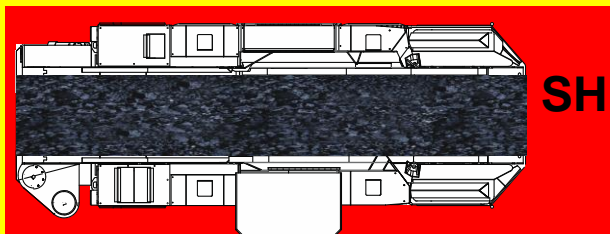
- **SharpZone Technology**

Modifies zones based on a variety of programmable inputs, including

- Speed
- Direction
- Pivot
- Steering

Low Speed  
Zones

**CAUTION Zone**



**SHUTDOWN  
Zone**



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## IntelliZone Technology

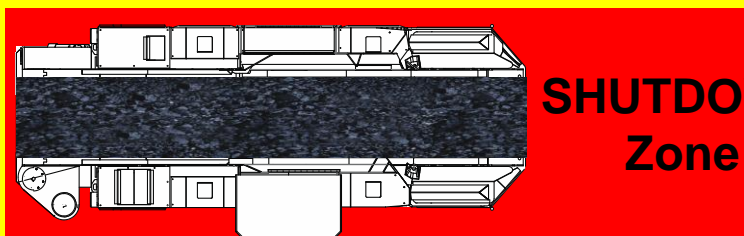
- **SharpZone Technology**

Modifies zones based on a variety of programmable inputs, including

- Speed
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Medium  
Speed  
Zones

**CAUTION Zone**



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Zone**





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## IntelliZone Technology

- **SharpZone Technology**

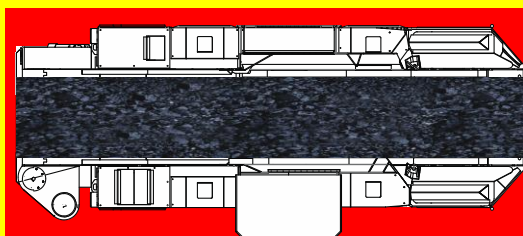
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**High Speed  
Zones**

**CAUTION Zone**



**SHUTDOWN  
Zone**

“Sees”  
Through  
Plastic  
Barriers



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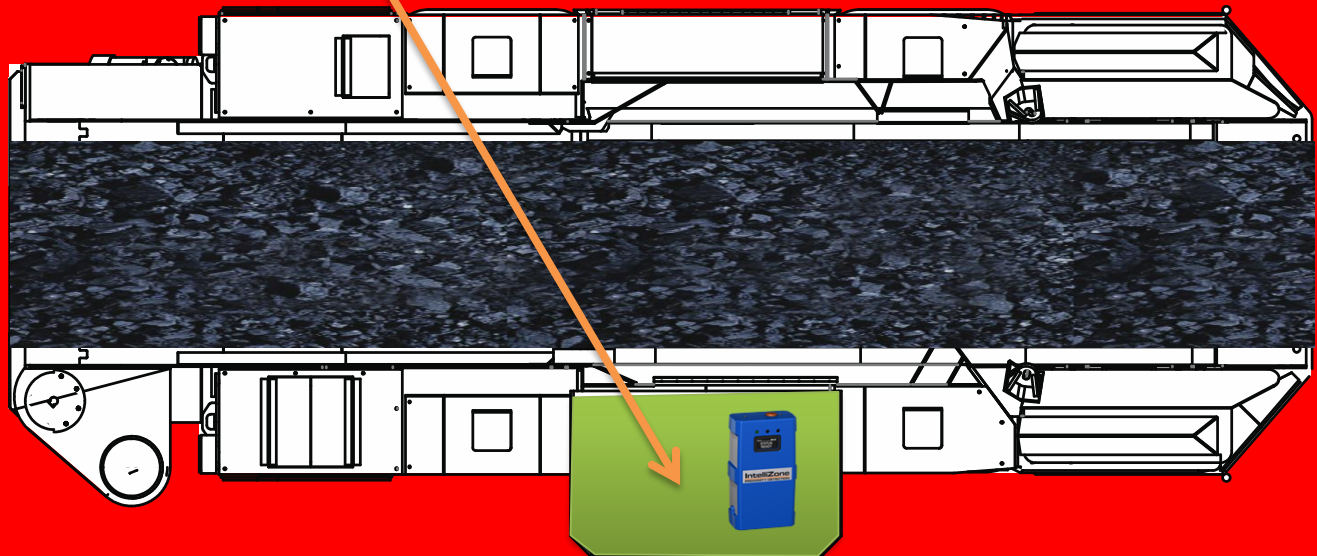
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## IntelliZone Technology

- SharpZone Technology  
Creates “Neutral Zones” within  
Awareness Zones

Shuttle Car  
Cab  
Green Zone







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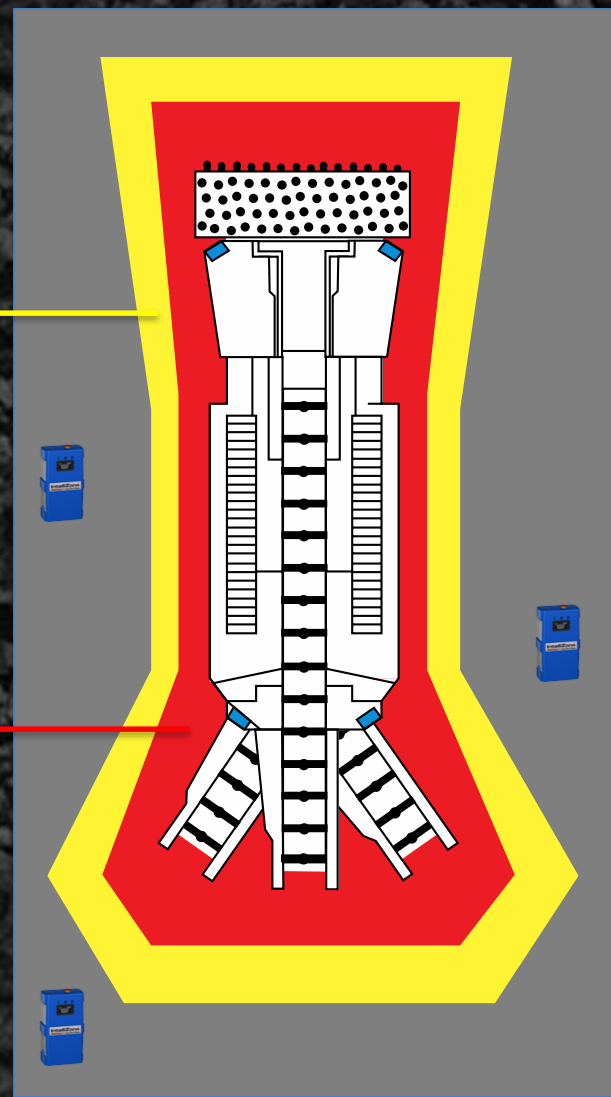
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### Zone Types

**CAUTION Zone**

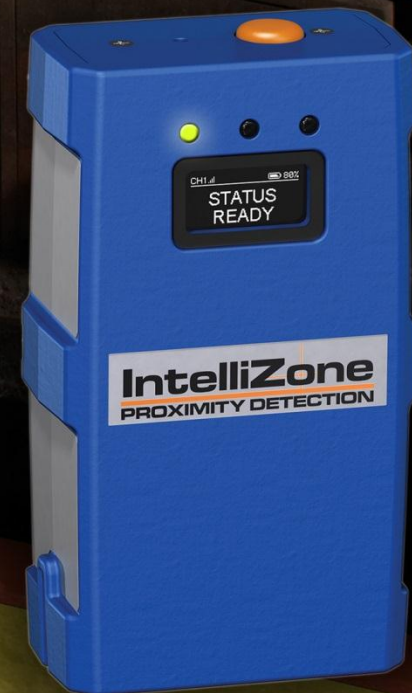
**SHUT DOWN Zone**



## System Warnings

## Normal Operation

- Driver: Green Light
- Locator: Green Light
- Equipment: Normal Operation

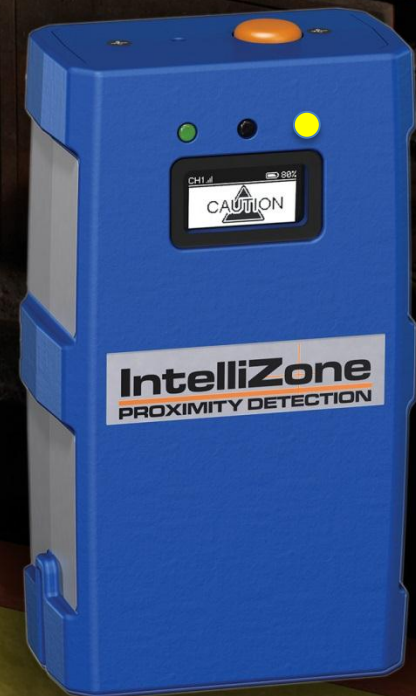




## System Warnings

## CAUTION Zone

- Driver: Flashing Yellow Light
- Locator: Flashing Yellow Light & Audible Warning
- Equipment: Auto-Slows





## System Warnings

## SHUT DOWN Zone

- Driver: Flashing RED Light
- Locator: Flashing RED Light & Audible Warning
- Equipment: Auto-Stop





# **SMARTZONE Proximity Detection**





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## Keys to Proximity Detection Success in Your Mine



Proper installation  
& system protection  
during CM  
manufacture or  
rebuild is key to  
reliable operation





## Keys to Proximity Detection Success in Your Mine

- Guard equipment & cabling as aggressively as possible, but plan for replacement
- Shape zones to vehicles and mine conditions for most efficient & safe interaction
- Use small-diameter cables





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## Keys to Proximity Detection Success in Your Mine



- Use common systems & components across all equipment & universal Locator
- Make sure management communicates with miners that system **must be used & maintained**



## Keys to Proximity Detection Success in Your Mine

- Conduct Post-installation training on how to interact with Prox system efficiently (operators & section personnel)
- Conduct Post-installation training on how to maintain the system (maintenance personnel)





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## Production Experience – Operator Perspective



- Have on-site 'Experts' for day-to-day issues (Mine Personnel)
- Plan ahead for spare parts & local service – have at Mines AND Equipment Vendors





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## Production Experience – Operator Perspective



- Re-training classes at mine for all shifts.
  - Conducted by Matrix
  - Scheduled annually or on emergency basis



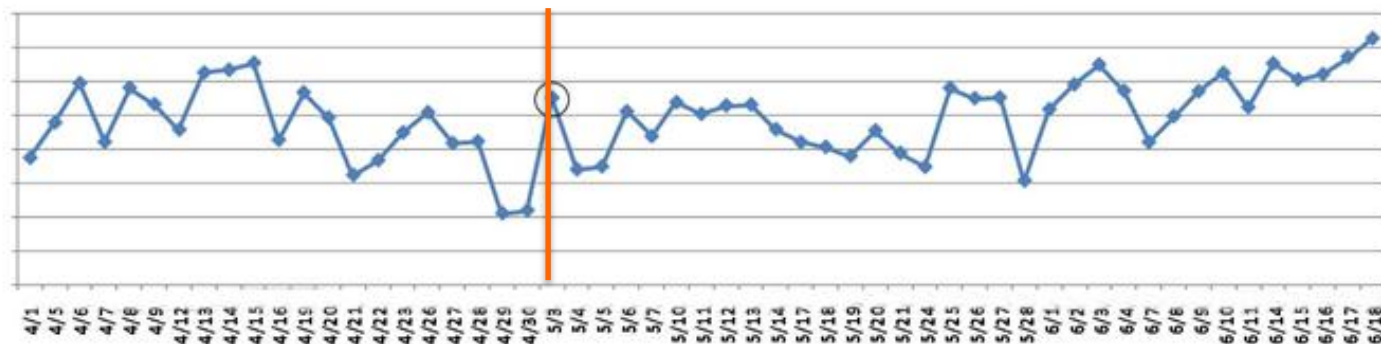
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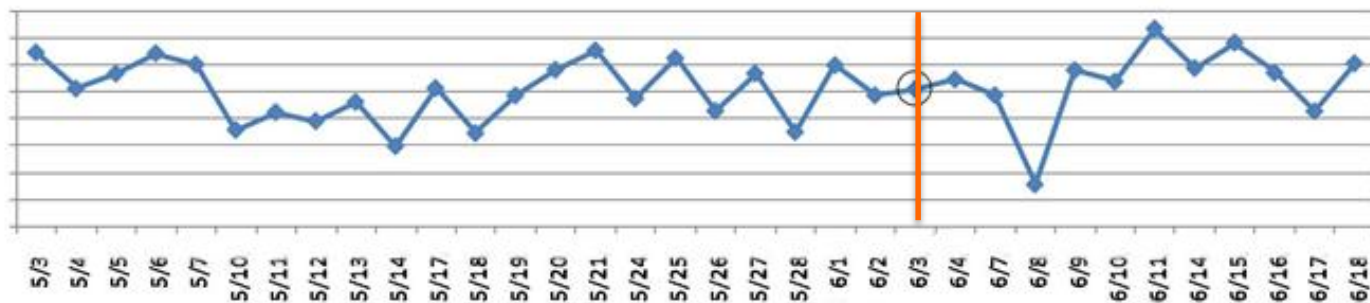
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## Production Experience

### UNIT 1 COAL PRODUCTION



### UNIT 5 COAL PRODUCTION







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## Safety Impact

“Proximity systems increase operator awareness of the red zone, and are a useful training tool to reinforce safe operating habits.”

“To date, on CM mining sections where proximity has been installed, there have been no red zone accidents or reported near-misses.”



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## Non-IS Proximity Detection – *IntelliZoneHD & LT*

### Surface and Hard Rock Prox

- Machine-to-Machine with In-Cab Alerting
- Machine-to-Person
- Collision Detection – including Equipment Control





**Mine Tested. Miner Approved.**





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