

Safety System Prevents Tragedy at Northwest Territories Mine



If we're talking about mine safety in Northwest Territories, it can only mean something terrible happened. Right?

In fact, this is one of those rare safety stories with a happy ending. It's about an accident that *didn't* occur. It happened—I mean didn't happen—at the Diavik Diamond Mine on August 16, 2012. Rocks came down from the side of the open pit. But the mine's early warning systems that monitor rock movements detected the slide and sounded the alarm just as it was supposed to do. As a result, the mining company was able to get all workers out of the mine. It then monitored the area. So, when those 5,000 tonnes of rock came down into the pit 10 hours later, the mine was clear and nobody was hurt.

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