



Preliminary Report of Accident

This is a preliminary report of a reported mine fatality that occurred at #68 mine on June 24, 2010. This report is subject to change as the accident is investigated and will be updated as NEW INFORMATION becomes available. A notice will be posted on MSHA's homepage when the report is updated.

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1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification Machinery		3. Date/Time of Accident 06/24/2010 01:15 PM		4. Date/Time of Death 06/24/2010 01:15 PM		5. Fatal Case No 39		
6. Mine Information :										
a) Mining Company Name Leeco Incorporated			b) Mine Name #68			c) Parent of Mining Company James River Coal Company				
7. Mine Location :		a) City JEFF		b) County Perry		c) State KY		8. Mine ID Number: 15-17497		9. Union: NO
10. Primary Mineral Mined: Bituminous Coal Underground Mining		11. Number of Mine Employees:		a) Total 150	b) Underground 144	c) Open Pit/Quarry 0	d) Mill/Prep Plant 0		e) Other 6	
12. Contractor Name:						13. Union		14. Contractor ID Number:		
15. Contractor Address:				a) City		b) County		c) State		d) Zip Code
16. Number of Contractor Employees:		a) Total 28		b) Underground 28		c) Open Pit/Quarry 0		d) Mill/Prep Plant 0		e) Other 0
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident:						18. Number of Persons Unaccounted For:				
a) Mine Employees: 66		b) Contractor Employees: 15		a) Mine Employees: 0		b) Contractor Employees: 0				
19) Location of Accident		03-Open Pit		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining		30-Mill/Prep Plant		Other (specify)		20. Mining Height:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground		06-Dredge Mining		08-Retreat Mining		99-Office Facility				Feet 4
02-Surface at Underground										Inches 2
21. Nonfatal Injuries: 0		22. Fatal Injuries: 1								
23. Victim Information :				a) Name Bobby L. Smith, Jr.		b) Age 29				
c) Regular Job Title: Continuous Mining Manchine Operator			d) Activity at Time of Accident: Continuous Mining Machine Operator				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mine Employee			
24. Experience :		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		
a) Total:		12 0 0		b) at the mine: 1 37 2		c) at activity (23d) 3 26 0		d) with Contractor 0 0 0		
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location						26. Mine Telephone No.: (606) 642-3586				

27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations):

On June 24, 2010, at approximately 1:15 p.m., a 29 year old Continuous Mining Machine Operator with 12 years experience received fatal injuries in a Machinery Accident on the Advancing 014 MMU. The victim was operating the Continuous Mining Machine in the No. 4 Heading when he was caught between the right rib and the Continuous Mining Machine. The victim was treated and transported to the surface where an ambulance transported him the Hazard, Kentucky ARH Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead. District Accident Investigators, along with MSHA Technical Support, are investigating the accident.

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident.

28. Equipment Manufacturer: Joy Machinery Co. (Joy Manufacturing Co)			29. Model: 14-15		
30. District: C0700 Barbourville		32. Field Office: Hazard, KY			33. Event Number: 6414316
34. Accident Investigator: Robert F. Ashworth			35. MSHA Person Notified: Call Center		Date 06/24/2010
36. Type of Report: Initial			37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared Dennis J. Cotton		Date 06/24/2010
38. Reason For Amendment:					