

Preliminary Report of Accident



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification Machinery		3. Date/Time of Accident 05/14/2011 08:15 PM		4. Date/Time of Death 05/14/2011 08:50 PM		5. Fatal Case No 5				
6. Mine Information :												
a) Mining Company Name Apogee Coal Company LLC			b) Mine Name Guyan			c) Parent of Mining Company Patriot Coal Corporation						
7. Mine Location :		a) City Yolyn		b) County Logan		c) State WV		8. Mine ID Number: 46-08939		9. Union: YES		
10. Primary Mineral Mined: BITUMINOUS			11. Number of Mine Employees:		a) Total 214	b) Underground 0	c) Open Pit/Quarry 214	d) Mill/Prep Plant 0	e) Other			
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		b) Underground		c) Open Pit/Quarry		d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other		
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident:					18. Number of Persons Unaccounted For:							
a) Mine Employees: 60		b) Contractor Employees: 0			a) Mine Employees: 0		b) Contractor Employees: 0					
19) Location of Accident									20. Mining Height:			
<input type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit		<input type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 30-Mill/Prep Plant		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		Feet	Inches		
<input type="checkbox"/> 02-Surface at Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 06-Dredge Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 08-Retreat Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 99-Office Facility							
21. Nonfatal Injuries:			22. Fatal Injuries: 1									
23. Victim Information :				a) Name Richard L. Young		b) Age 37						
c) Regular Job Title: Mechanic			d) Activity at Time of Accident: Repair of Caterpillar 992G end loader			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mine Employee						
24. Experience :		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days				
a) Total:	14	0	0	b) at the mine:	5	29	4	c) at activity (23d)	1	0	0	d) with Contractor
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location YES WV Medical Examiners Office						26. Mine Telephone No.: (304) 792-6248						

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

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, at approximately 8:18 p.m., Richard L. Young, a 37-year old mechanic with at least 14 years mining experience was fatally injured while removing the counter weight from a Caterpillar 992 G End Loader. Two mechanics were preparing to remove the fuel tank and counter weight when the victim placed himself under the machine and started removing the 30 mm x 80 mm bolts holding the weight in place. The victim had successfully removed 14 of the 16 bolts. Upon starting to remove the next to last bolt, it appears that the last two remaining bolts failed and broke, allowing the 11,685 pound counter weight to fall, crushing the victim causing fatal injuries. No blocking or attempt to secure the counter weight was provided before removing the bolts.

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: Caterpillar			29. Model: 992G		
30. District: C1200 Pineville		32. Field Office: Logan WV			33. Event Number: 6292954
34. Accident Investigator: Dennis J. Holbrook			35. MSHA Person Notified: Lincoln Selfe		Date 05/14/2011
					Time 08:30 P
36. Type of Report: Initial		37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared: Dennis Holbrook			Date 05/15/2011
38. Reason For Amendment:					