

Preliminary Report of Accident



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury	2. Accident Classification Machinery	3. Date/Time of Accident 11/17/2012 03:20 AM	4. Date/Time of Death 11/17/2012 04:40 AM	5. Fatal Case No 17							
6. Mine Information :											
a) Mining Company Name Big Ridge Inc		b) Mine Name Willow Lake Portal		c) Parent of Mining Company Peabody Energy							
7. Mine Location :			8. Mine ID Number:	9. Union:							
a) City Equality		b) County Saline	c) State IL	11-03054	YES						
10. Primary Mineral Mined: BITUMINOUS COAL UNDERGROUND		11. Number of Mine Employees:	a) Total 410	b) Underground 395	c) Open Pit/Quarry d) Mill/Prep Plant e) Other 15						
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: 84		b) Contractor Employees: 0		a) Mine Employees: 0	b) Contractor Employees: 0						
19) Location of Accident				20. Mining Height:							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground		<input type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 30-Mill/Prep Plant		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
<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		Feet Inches 6 10			
21. Nonfatal Injuries: 0		22. Fatal Injuries: 1									
23. Victim Information :											
a) Name Chad W. Meyers			b) Age 30								
c) Regular Job Title: Underground production			d) Activity at Time of Accident: Continuous miner operator			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mine Employee					
24. Experience :											
Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days		
a) Total: 3 20 0			b) at the mine: 3 20 0			c) at activity (23d) 0 28 0			d) with Contractor 0 0 0		
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location YES Watson Funeral Home, Eldorado, IL						26. Mine Telephone No.:					
27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations): The victim was operating the continuous miner on the right side of the No. 5 unit (005). He was making the first cut in the crosscut left from No. 4 to No. 5 entry. He was mining the crosscut straight on instead of turning it from the No. 4 entry. After making the initial cut, the victim backed the continuous miner into the crosscut between No. 4 and 3 entries to set the machine over to slab the right side of the cut. As he backed the machine into the crosscut, he was pinned between the outby rib of the crosscut and the left side of the cutter head.											
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: 14CM15						
30. District: C0800 Vincennes			32. Field Office: Benton IL			33. Event Number: 4252111					
34. Accident Investigator: Dean R. Cripps			35. MSHA Person Notified: Marty Gayer			Date 11/17/2012		Time 04:07 A			
36. Type of Report: Initial			37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared Dean Cripps			Date 11/17/2012					
38. Reason For Amendment:											