

Since winter 2004,
EXPLOSIONS & FIRES
have occurred during idle
periods when the mine
property was left unoccupied
and alarms from various
systems went unanswered..

***GOOD PLANNING ALWAYS PAYS
TO PROTECT YOUR MINE DURING***

IDLE DAYS

Best Defense

- Patrol & examine underground areas.
- If you must leave the mine unattended, forward alarms to manned call stations capable of notifying responsible persons.

Other Best Practices

- Ensure that ventilation controls and parameters are installed, intact, and functioning.
- Remove and/or deenergize any unnecessary equipment or other ignition sources.
- Develop a means to monitor fan operation, fire detection/suppression & atmospheric monitoring systems, and other critical equipment and alarms during idle periods.
- Follow fan stoppage and other plan requirements.
- Institute a quick response plan for significant issues that may arise.