

Joseph Denk
MSHA Investigation Team

Dear Mr. Denk,

Mr. Donald Foster instructed me to contact you in his absence, at this time he is underground. Hence this request to you.

Star Mine Operations has been working in the Mill and Mill Feed Drift under a modification to the "K-Order" issued November 17th 2013. The crews have been instructed to withdraw if any toxic gas exceeds the TWA of the component. However, a re-entry procedure was addressed at the time. Today, a feed of 1.4ppm NO₂ was recorded triggering an alarm on the gas meter; the crew exited the work site and the area was allowed to vent.

At this time Star Mine Operations proposes the following re-entry procedure:

- Upon measuring a concentration above the 8hr TLV (50ppm CO or 5ppm NO₂) the crew will shut down activities, leaving the area secure for later re-entry.
- The area will be allowed to vent for a minimum of 1 hour.
- A re-entry team will advance to the work location continuously monitoring O₂, CO and NO₂.
 - The monitoring team will be in radio or phone communication throughout the exploration.
- If the concentration of each gas is less than 50% of the 8hr TLV (25ppm CO and 2.5ppm NO₂), the crew may re-enter.
- Work will continue as before continually monitoring gases and able to reach surface by radio or phone.

A timely response to this plan is appreciated.

Regards.

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