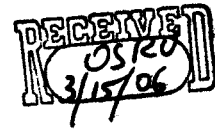


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Karen,

If the emergency evacuation rule is ever initiated it will certainly be a START. However, as described in the history of the Cherry Mine Disaster of 1909, 21 men were trapped for 8 days without Food, Water or Quality Air. For the emergency evacuation rule to work, it has to be assumed that the escape route be clear. Cave Ins or fire could block the escape routes making the emergency rule useless. This was the case in the Cherry disaster.

Martin sent me a very recent newspaper article describing the incident in Canada where 72 men were trapped in a mine and all were successfully rescued thanks to rescue chamber that was sealed from the main shaft and provided with food, water, surface air and direct communication with the surface. Why could there not be a series of such rescue chambers within the mine at strategic locations. The eight days the survivors of the Cherry disaster lived through was a complete horror story. I'm certain excellent information could be extracted from any and all of the disasters listed. There was nothing said to cover floods and you will recall that even before the bodies of the dead miners could be recovered from the mine, water had to be pumped from the shafts which indicated that some of the miners were drowned.

There was a recent article in the TODAY paper explaining the decision of the mine inspectors regarding the recent incidents in West Virginia and Kentucky stating that the fines were levied according the number of miners that would be killed as a result of each safety infraction of the mine. It was decided that only \$60.00 would be the amount of the fine if only one miner died. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE COMPANY COULD KILL AS MANY MINERS AS WERE NECESSARY SO LONG AS THEY KILLED THEM ONE AT A TIME ??

I'm very disappointed in MSHA for the lack of consideration for the lives of miners in a potential disaster. Why are they ignorant of conditions of previous conditions that led to disasters which killed hundreds of miners such as Cherry, Mongahela, and the New Mexico disasters ?? The information exists but appears to hve been neglected. Should we be working with the Canadians who apparently have done a better job than the MSHA has been able to accomplish ?

Thanks for the info you sent.

Ed

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Don't know if either of you has seen this...if only they will comply.

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