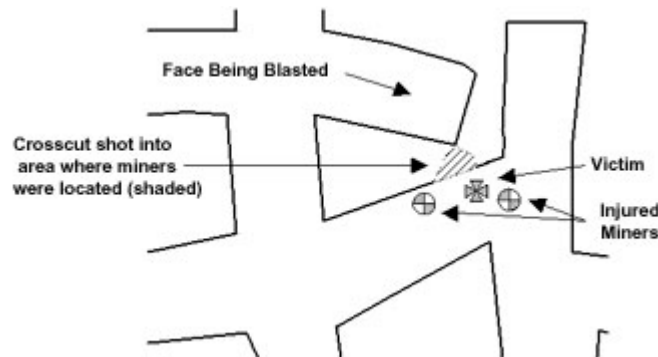




Fatality #15 - June 13, 2003
Explosives and Breaking Agents - Underground – Kentucky
Cody Mining Company, Inc. - #1

COAL MINE FATALITY - On June 13, 2003, a 21-year old Coal Driller Helper with 2 years total mining experience was fatally injured when the working face of a crosscut was inadvertently blasted into the next outby crosscut. Two other miners were also injured, one seriously. The victim and his co-workers had retreated to the last open crosscut to set off the shot when the accident occurred. The entries and crosscuts were driven off-centers, resulting in the crosscut blasting into the outby crosscut. The mine operates in a 32-inch thick coal seam.



Best Practices

- Check centers frequently to ensure that entries and crosscuts are being mined as projected.
- Ensure that all persons are a safe distance from the blasting area before detonating the shot.
- Ensure that miners are properly trained in safe blasting procedures.

This is the 15th fatality reported in calendar year 2003 in the coal mining industry. As of the accident date in 2002, there were 14 fatalities reported in the coal mining industry. This is the first fatal explosives accident since 1999.