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18-Sep-15

Preliminary Report of Accident

U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury	2. Accident Classification Machinery	3. Date/Time of Accident 09/16/2015 02:00 AM	4. Date/Time of Death 09/16/2015 02:00 AM	5. Fatal Case No 9					
6. Mine Information :									
a) Mining Company Name Sebree Mining LLC		b) Mine Name Onton #9		c) Parent of Mining Company Alliance Resource Partners LP					
7. Mine Location :			8. Mine ID Number:	9. Union:					
a) City Sebree		b) County Webster	c) State KY	15-18547 NO					
10. Primary Mineral Mined: BITUMINOUS	11. Number of Mine Employees:		a) Total 288	b) Underground 234	c) Open Pit/Quarry	d) Mill/Prep Plant	e) Other 54		
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: 45		b) Contractor Employees:		a) Mine Employees:		b) Contractor Employees:			
19) Location of Accident				20. Mining Height:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground		<input type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit		<input 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 4 9	
21. Nonfatal Injuries:		22. Fatal Injuries:		1					
23. Victim Information :									
a) Name Rickey A. Thorpe			b) Age 29						
c) Regular Job Title: Electrician		d) Activity at Time of Accident: Replacing Continuous Miner Load Locks			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mine Employee				
24. Experience :									
Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days			
a) Total: 9 0 0		b) at the mine: 9 0 0		c) at activity (23d) 5 48		d) with Contractor			
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location YES Louisville, Kentucky				26. Mine Telephone No.: (270) 835-9338					

27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations):

A 29 year old electrician, Rickey A. Thorpe, was fatally injured while in the process of replacing a load locking valve on a cutting head support jack on the Joy Continuous Miner Model # 14CM15 located on the #1 Unit MMU005-0. The victim had removed the load locking valve on the operator's side cutting head support jack when the blocking material under the continuous miner's head failed which allowed the cutter boom to collapse into the pan line causing crushing injuries to the miner. The victim was transported to the surface where he was pronounced dead by the Webster County Coroner.

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: 14CM-15					
30. District: C1000 Madisonville		32. Field Office: Morganfield KY		33. Event Number: 4490064			
34. Accident Investigator: Charles D. Ramsey		35. MSHA Person Notified: David W. Winebarger		Date 09/16/2015		Time 02:50 A	
36. Type of Report: Initial		37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared Curtis R. Hardison		Date 09/17/2015			
38. Reason For Amendment:							