

PR001
17-Dec-14

Preliminary Report of Accident

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



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification Powered Haulage		3. Date/Time of Accident 12/16/2014 11:00 AM		4. Date/Time of Death 12/16/2014 11:30 AM		5. Fatal Case No 15		
6. Mine Information :										
a) Mining Company Name Highland Mining Company LLC			b) Mine Name Highland 9 Mine			c) Parent of Mining Company Patriot Coal Corporation				
7. Mine Location :		a) City Waverly		b) County Union		c) State KY		8. Mine ID Number: 15-02709		9. Union: YES
10. Primary Mineral Mined: BITUMINOUS COAL UNDERGROUND		11. Number of Mine Employees:		a) Total 474	b) Underground 450	c) Open Pit/Quarry 0	d) Mill/Prep Plant 0	e) Other 24		
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: 149		b) Contractor Employees: 0		a) Mine Employees: 0		b) Contractor Employees: 0				
19) Location of Accident								20. Mining Height:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-Mill/Prep Plant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)				Feet	Inches	
<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					7	6	
21. Nonfatal Injuries:		22. Fatal Injuries:		1						
23. Victim Information :										
a) Name Eli Eldridge				b) Age 34						
c) Regular Job Title: Repairman				d) Activity at Time of Accident: Repairman				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mine Employee		
24. Experience :										
Years		Weeks		Days		Years		Weeks		Days
a) Total: 15		b) at the mine: 36		c) at activity (23d) 8		d) with Contractor				
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location						26. Mine Telephone No.: (270) 389-5472				

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

On 12-16-2014 at approximately 11:00 CST a fatal accident occurred on the #6 section. Eli Eldridge, a repairman, was fatally injured when he was struck by a battery ram car (coal hauler). The ram car was in route to the continuous miner in the #7 entry when it came in contact with the victim. This was on the #6 unit, MMU 067-0, 7 panel South off 3rd Main East. There are 9 entries numbering left to right. The accident was inby 4+40 #7 entry (supply road).

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: Caterpillar			29. Model: LAR816B		
30. District: C1000 Madisonville		32. Field Office: Morganfield KY			33. Event Number: 4488342
34. Accident Investigator: Phillip A. Carlisle			35. MSHA Person Notified: Ron Bums		Date 12/16/2014
					Time 11:22 AM
36. Type of Report: Initial		37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared: Hubert E. Wright			Date 12/16/2014
38. Reason For Amendment:					