

**2007  
National Preshift Contest**

**CONTESTANT STATEMENT**

I AM       JUDGE'S NAME       THIS IS       JUDGE'S NAME      

THE CARBON COLLIERIES COMPANY, NO. 7 MINE, MINES COAL IN THE POCAHONTAS COAL SEAM WITH A CONTINUOUS MINER, SHUTTLE CARS, DUAL HEAD ROOF BOLTING MACHINES, AND BATTERY-POWERED SCOOPS. THIS IS A SINGLE UNIT MINE THAT PRODUCES COAL ON THE DAY AND EVENING SHIFTS, WITH MAINTENANCE WORK CONDUCTED ON THE OWL SHIFT.

THE MINING HEIGHT AVERAGES APPROXIMATELY 80 INCHES. THIS MINE HAS A HISTORY OF ACCUMULATIONS OF METHANE, WITH ISOLATED AREAS OF ADVERSE ROOF CONDITIONS, AND DIPS IN THE MINE FLOOR WHERE WATER HAS BEEN KNOWN TO ACCUMULATE.

THE NO. 3 ENTRY IS THE PRIMARY ESCAPEWAY, AND THE NO. 2 BELT ENTRY IS THE SECONDARY ESCAPEWAY.

THE MINE EMPLOYS 28 UNDERGROUND MINERS AND 3 SURFACE EMPLOYEES.

THE MINE FAN IS EXHAUSTING, AND MAKES APPROXIMATELY 58,000 CFM.

THE DAY SHIFT LEFT THE SECTION TWO HOURS AGO.

YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PRESIFT THE 001 SECTION FOR THE EVENING SHIFT.