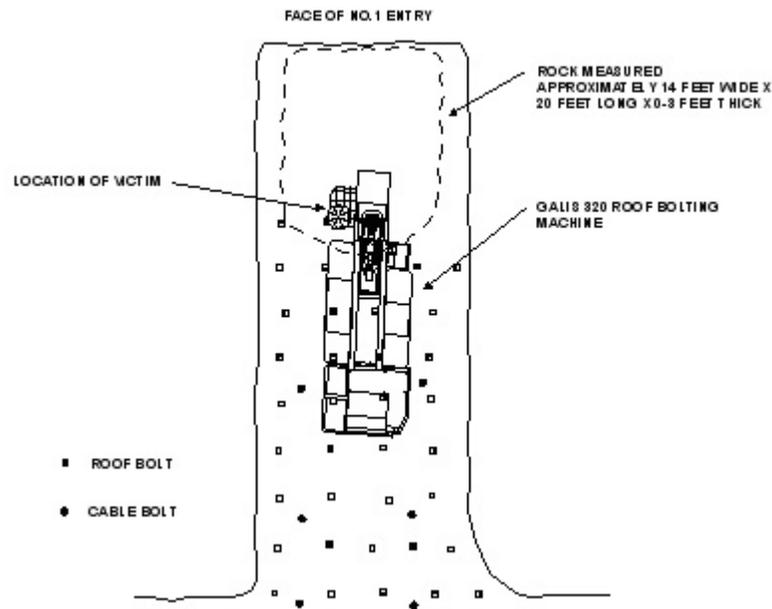




Fatality #13 - January 10, 2006
Fall of Roof or Back - Underground - KY
Maverick Mining Company, LLC - Mine #1

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Tuesday, January 10, 2006, a 44-year old roof bolting machine operator with 15 years mining experience was fatally injured in a roof fall. The victim was operating a single-head roof bolting machine, installing 72-inch fully grouted resin rods in the No.1 entry working place when the fall occurred. The fall, consisting of draw rock was approximately 3 feet thick, 14 feet wide, and 20 feet long. The victim was properly positioned beneath the roof bolting machine canopy when the automated temporary roof support (ATRS) system collapsed under the weight of the fall.



Best Practices

- Examine the roof, face and ribs, including sound and vibrations tests, during preshift examinations, immediately before any work is started, and periodically as conditions warrant.
- Ensure that the ATRS is functioning properly and set firmly against the mine roof before going in by permanent support.
- Remain alert for changing roof conditions.
- Take additional measures when hazards associated with draw rock are encountered, such as mining shorter cuts and decreasing roof bolt spacing.

This is the 13th fatality reported during calendar year 2006 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2005, there were no fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the first fatality classified as Fall of Roof in 2006.

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