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Subject: Virgil Brown Low Oxygen Comment

Gentlemen:

Virgil Brown called and wished to comment on the potential sources for low oxygen. His phoned comment has been compiled saved as a word document in the M drive directory.

Mike Gauna

Virgil Brown Low Oxygen Comments
12/20/07 - 8:45 am

Virgil called and offered further information pertaining to possible sources for low oxygen detected in the rescue boreholes at Crandall Canyon:

1. Running diesel equipment such as the pickup truck(s) used for transport that could have been left running after the bump event.
2. Coal bump generating the low oxygen based on the low oxygen readings noted during the 8/16/07 accident bump from Scott Johnson's detector.
3. Breach into adjoining sealed are making the air common with the seal.