MINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Office of Mines and Minerals
Office of Mines and Minerals (OMM) shall equip and maintain 4 MSHA certified mine rescue stations.

- Benton mine rescue station
- Springfield mine rescue station
- Harrisburg mine rescue station
- Lively Grove mine rescue station
Mine Rescue Stations

- Each station maintains fully equipped emergency trailer
- Harrisburg mine rescue station maintains firefighting equipment
  - Manifolds
  - Hoses
  - Nozzles
  - Foam generator
Rescue teams are based out of each mine rescue station to serve the Illinois coal industry as either a primary or secondary responder.

- Each station has two trained mine rescue teams.
- 14 underground coal mines.
The laboratory performs air analysis following a mine emergency

Laboratory capable of performing on-site and off-site analysis

Laboratory has pumps for securing mine atmosphere samples

- Underground – (1) 12 volt DC pump for sampling behind seals
- Surface – (3) pumps for borehole sampling
On-site Analysis
- Varian Micro Gas Chromatograph CP-4900
  - Portable with internal battery power supply
  - Internal gas supply
- Can run sample analysis < 5 minutes

Off-site Analysis
- Laboratory located at Office of Mines and Minerals’ Southern Illinois Regional Office in Benton
- Sample analysis performed on bench top gas chromatographs
The Illinois Coal Mining Act states

“Should an explosion occur, or a fire that is not promptly extinguished, at any mine in the State, the operator of said mine or his representative shall immediately notify the Department.”

OMM has entered into an interagency agreement with Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), wherein IEMA will handle all emergency calls.
Illinois Emergency Management Telecommunications Center, which provides 24/7 call assistance, will receive all mine emergency calls.

All mine operators have the Telecommunications Center telephone number.

Procedures have been established that following an emergency call appropriate OMM staff are notified.
Once agency personnel are on-site they will coordinate rescue operations with company and Mine Safety and Health Administration personnel.