

Preliminary Report of Accident



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification Slip or Fall of Person		3. Date/Time of Accident 06/09/2011 10:15 AM		4. Date/Time of Death 06/09/2011 11:45 AM		5. Fatal Case No 7			
6. Mine Information :											
a) Mining Company Name Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C.			b) Mine Name West Elk Mine			c) Parent of Mining Company Arch Coal Inc					
7. Mine Location :		a) City Somerset		b) County Gunnison		c) State CO		8. Mine ID Number: 05-03672		9. Union: NO	
10. Primary Mineral Mined: BITUMINOUS COAL UNDERGROUND		11. Number of Mine Employees:		a) Total 371	b) Underground 272	c) Open Pit/Quarry		d) Mill/Prep Plant 52	e) Other 47		
12. Contractor Name: ROCKY MOUNTAIN Steel, Inc.						13. Union NO		14. Contractor ID Number: 7WU			
15. Contractor Address:		a) City Olathe		b) County Montrose		c) State CO		d) Zip Code 81425			
16. Number of Contractor Employees:		a) Total 5		b) Underground 0		c) Open Pit/Quarry 0		d) Mill/Prep Plant 5		e) Other	
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident:					18. Number of Persons Unaccounted For:						
a) Mine Employees: 70		b) Contractor Employees: 5			a) Mine Employees: 0		b) Contractor Employees: 0				
19) Location of Accident									20. Mining Height:		
<input type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit		<input type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 30-Mill/Prep Plant		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		Feet Inches		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02-Surface at Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 06-Dredge Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 08-Retreat Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 99-Office Facility						
21. Nonfatal Injuries:		22. Fatal Injuries: 1									
23. Victim Information :											
a) Name Fred A. Benally					b) Age 54						
c) Regular Job Title: Iron Worker					d) Activity at Time of Accident: Iron Worker						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor Employee											
24. Experience :											
Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days		
a) Total:	12 0 0		b) at the mine:		0 4 0	c) at activity (23d)		12 0 0	d) with Contractor		0 4 0
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location						26. Mine Telephone No.: (970) 929-5015					

27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations):
 On June 9, 2011, at approximately 10:15 a.m., Fred A. Benally, an iron worker fell a distance of 8 feet from an elevated 12" wide steel beam, 10 feet-11 feet, striking a 5-1/4" inch wide steel cross beam with his chest, flipping over the beam onto his back. He was transported by mine ambulance to Delta County Hospital. During transportation Benally lost consciousness; CPR performed. Delta hospital attempted to revive the injured person, but all attempts failed. MSHA is investigating the accident.

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:				29. Model:				
30. District: C0900 Denver		32. Field Office: Delta CO				33. Event Number: 4480701		
34. Accident Investigator: Danny C. Cerise			35. MSHA Person Notified: Danny C. Cerise			Date 06/09/2011		Time 11:10 A
36. Type of Report: Initial		37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared: Date 06/09/2011						
38. Reason For Amendment:								