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02-Sep-11

Preliminary Report of Accident

U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury	2. Accident Classification Machinery	3. Date/Time of Accident 09/01/2011 10:36 AM	4. Date/Time of Death 09/01/2011 10:36 AM	5. Fatal Case No 15
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6. Mine Information :		
a) Mining Company Name Powder River Coal, LLC	b) Mine Name North Antelope Rochelle Mine	c) Parent of Mining Company PEABODY

7. Mine Location :	a) City GILLETTE	b) County Campbell	c) State WY	8. Mine ID Number: 48-01353	9. Union: NO
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10. Primary Mineral Mined: Bituminous (Surface)	11. Number of Mine Employees:	a) Total 1315	b) Underground	c) Open Pit/Quarry 1293	d) Mill/Prep Plant 12	e) Other 10
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12. Contractor Name: Weston Engineering Inc.	13. Union NO	14. Contractor ID Number: WT9
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15. Contractor Address:	a) City P.O. Box 260 Upton	b) County Weston	c) State WY	d) Zip Code 82730
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16. Number of Contractor Employees:	a) Total 42	b) Underground	c) Open Pit/Quarry 42	d) Mill/Prep Plant	e) Other
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17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident:	18. Number of Persons Unaccounted For:
a) Mine Employees: 362	a) Mine Employees: 0
b) Contractor Employees: 42	b) Contractor Employees: 0

19) Location of Accident	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit	<input type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-Mill/Prep Plant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	20. Mining Height:
01-Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 06-Dredge Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 08-Retreat Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 99-Office Facility		Feet Inches
02-Surface at Underground					70

21. Nonfatal Injuries:	22. Fatal Injuries: 1
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23. Victim Information :	a) Name	b) Age
c) Regular Job Title: Driller	d) Activity at Time of Accident: Driller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor Employee

24. Experience :	Years Weeks Days	Years Weeks Days	Years Weeks Days	Years Weeks Days
a) Total:	1 12 0	b) at the mine:	36 0	c) at activity (23d)
			36 0	d) with Contractor
				36 0

25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location	26. Mine Telephone No.: (307) 464-4891
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27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations):
 On Thursday, September 1, 2011, at approximately 10:36 a.m. A contract Driller was fatally injured while working on the drill deck. The contractor was drilling a water well for future mining purposes. The victim was attempting to separate a pipe connection when he was struck by a tong when stored energy released. MSHA is investigating this 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: George E. Failing	29. Model: Strat 100 HB
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30. District: C0900 Denver	32. Field Office: Gillette, WY	33. Event Number: 4268008
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34. Accident Investigator: David Hamilton	35. MSHA Person Notified: Dan Vetter	Date 09/01/2011	Time 11:14 AM
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36. Type of Report: Initial	37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared: David Hamilton	Date 09/01/2011
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38. Reason For Amendment:
