

# Preliminary Report of Accident



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury	2. Accident Classification Machinery	3. Date/Time of Accident 11/17/2012 03:20 AM	4. Date/Time of Death 11/17/2012 04:40 AM	5. Fatal Case No 17
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6. Mine Information :

a) Mining Company Name Big Ridge Inc	b) Mine Name Willow Lake Portal	c) Parent of Mining Company Peabody Energy
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7. Mine Location :	a) City Equality	b) County Saline	c) State IL	8. Mine ID Number: 11-03054	9. Union: YES
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10. Primary Mineral Mined: BITUMINOUS COAL UNDERGROUND	11. Number of Mine Employees:	a) Total 410	b) Underground 395	c) Open Pit/Quarry	d) Mill/Prep Plant	e) Other 15
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12. Contractor Name:	13. Union	14. Contractor ID Number:
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15. Contractor Address:	a) City	b) County	c) State	d) Zip Code
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16. Number of Contractor Employees:	a) Total	b) Underground	c) Open Pit/Quarry	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: 84	b) Contractor Employees: 0
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19) Location of Accident	<input type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 02-Surface at Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit	<input type="checkbox"/> 06-Dredge Mining	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 08-Retreat Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-Mill/Prep Plant	<input type="checkbox"/> 99-Office Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	20. Mining Height: Feet 6	Inches 10
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21. Nonfatal Injuries: 0	22. Fatal Injuries: 1
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23. Victim Information :	a) Name Chad W. Meyers	b) Age 30
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c) Regular Job Title: Underground production	d) Activity at Time of Accident: Continuous miner operator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mine Employee
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24. Experience :	Years Weeks Days	Years Weeks Days	Years Weeks Days	Years Weeks Days
a) Total:	3 20 0	b) at the mine: 3 20 0	c) at activity (23d) 0 28 0	d) with Contractor 0 0 0

25. Autopsy Performed: YES	If Yes, Location Watson Funeral Home, Eldorado, IL	26. Mine Telephone No.:
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27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations):  
The victim was operating the continuous miner on the right side of the No. 5 unit (005). He was making the first cut in the crosscut left from No. 4 to No. 5 entry. He was mining the crosscut straight on instead of turning it from the No. 4 entry. After making the initial cut, the victim backed the continuous miner into the crosscut between No. 4 and 3 entries to set the machine over to slab the right side of the cut. As he backed the machine into the crosscut, he was pinned between the outby rib of the crosscut and the left side of the cutter head.

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: Joy Machinery Co. (Joy Manufacturing Co)	29. Model: 14CM15
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30. District: C0800 Vincennes	32. Field Office: Benton IL	33. Event Number: 4252111
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34. Accident Investigator: Dean R. Cripps	35. MSHA Person Notified: Marty Gayer	Date 11/17/2012	Time 04:07 A
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36. Type of Report: Initial	37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared Dean Cripps	Date 11/17/2012
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38. Reason For Amendment: