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03-Jan-18

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 12/29/2017 12:57 AM		4. Date/Time of Death 12/29/2017		5. Fatal Case No 15							
6. Mine Information :															
a) Mining Company Name BlackJewell, LLC			b) Mine Name S-7 Surface Mine			c) Parent of Mining Company Jeffery A Hoops									
7. Mine Location :		a) City Pax		b) County Fayette		c) State WV		8. Mine ID Number: 46-07491		9. Union: NO					
10. Primary Mineral Mined: BITUMINOUS			11. Number of Mine Employees:		a) Total 22	b) Underground 0	c) Open Pit/Quarry 22	d) Mill/Prep Plant 0	e) Other 0						
12. Contractor Name:						13. Union		14. Contractor ID Number:							
15. Contractor Address:				a) City		b) County		c) State		d) Zip Code					
16. Number of Contractor Employees:															
a) Total		b) Underground		c) Open Pit/Quarry		d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other							
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident:						18. Number of Persons Unaccounted For:									
a) Mine Employees: 8		b) Contractor Employees: 0		a) Mine Employees: 0		b) Contractor Employees: 0									
19) Location of Accident								20. Mining Height:							
<input type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground	<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)				Feet	Inches						
<input type="checkbox"/> 02-Surface at Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 06-Dredge Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 08-Retreat Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> 99-Office Facility					1	8						
21. Nonfatal Injuries:			22. Fatal Injuries:			1									
23. Victim Information :															
a) Name Thurman A. Watts					b) Age 34										
c) Regular Job Title: Bulldozer Operator				d) Activity at Time of Accident: Pushing Overburden				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mine Employee							
24. Experience :	Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days								
a) Total:	10	23	0	b) at the mine:	0	3	0	c) at activity (23d)	10	0	0	d) with Contractor	0	0	0
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location YES								26. Mine Telephone No.: (606) 213-0912							

27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations):

At approximately 12:57 AM on 12/29/2017 a 34 year old bulldozer operator was fatally injured while removing overburden. The Caterpillar D-9 bulldozer he was operating traveled over a 100 foot highwall and continued down the spoil bank coming to rest approximately 400 feet from the top of the highwall. The victim was transported by health net and pronounced dead at the hospital.

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: Caterpillar				29. Model: D-9T				
30. District: C0400 Mt. Hope			32. Field Office: Mt. Hope WV			33. Event Number: 6313230		
34. Accident Investigator: Franklin E. Stover			35. MSHA Person Notified: Kelly S. Acord			Date 12/29/2017	Time 01:54 A	
36. Type of Report: Initial			37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared Franklin E. Stover			Date 12/29/2017		
38. Reason For Amendment:								