## Preliminary Report of Accident

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

### 1. Accident Type
- F - Fatal Injury

### 2. Accident Classification
- 14 - Ignition or Explosion of Gas or Dust

### 3. Date/Time of Accident
- 07/31/2019 4:30 PM

### 4. Date/Time of Death
- 07/31/2019 4:35 PM

### 5. Fatal Case No
- 13

### 6. Mine Information
- a) Mining Company Name: KenAmerican Resources Inc
- b) Mine Name: Paradise #9
- c) Parent of Mining Company:

### 7. Mine Location Information
- a) City: BREMEN
- b) County: MUHLENBERG
- c) State: KY
- 8. Mine ID Number: 15-17741
- 9. Union: No

### 10. Primary Mineral Mined

### 11. Number of Employees
- a) Total: 8
- b) Underground: 4
- c) Open Pit/Quarry: 0
- d) Mill/Prep Plant: 0
- e) Other: 4

### 12. Contractor Name
- Fricke Management & Contracting, Inc.

### 13. Contractor Union: No

### 14. Contractor ID Number: 7GD

### 15. Contractor Address
- a) City
- b) County
- c) State
- d) Zip Code

### 16. Number of Contractor Employees
- a) Total: 4
- b) Underground: 4
- c) Open Pit/Quarry: 0
- d) Mill/Prep Plant: 0
- e) Other: 0

### 17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident
- a) Mine Employees: 0
- b) Contractor Employees: 4

### 18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for
- a) Mine Employees: 0
- b) Contractor Employees: 1

### 19. Accident Location
- 02 - Surface at Underground

### 20. Mining Height
- 5 Feet 0 Inches

### 21. Nonfatal Injuries
- 0

### 22. Fatal Injuries
- 1

### 23. Victims Information

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### 24. Mining Experience
- a) Total Experience: 30 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days
- b) Experience at the Mine: 0 Years 0 Weeks 4 Days
- c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident: 0 Years 0 Weeks 4 Days
- d) Experience with Contractor: 19 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days

### 25. Autopsy Performed
- If Yes, Location: No

### 26. Mine Telephone No.
- (270) 525-9676

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

On July 31, 2019 at approximately 16:30, a contract employee was fatally injured when an ignition occurred in the intake air/man shaft of the KenAmerican Resources, Inc., Paradise #9 mine, ID# 15-17741. Four contract employees were in the process of preparing the seal for the intake shaft, when an ignition occurred causing one of the employees to fall approximately 355 ft. into the air shaft. MSHA investigators are on the scene and recovery operations are ongoing.

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determination regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident.

### 28. Equipment Manufacturer

### 29. Model

### 30. District
- C1000 - Madisonville, KY

### 32. Field Office
- C1001 - Madisonville KY Field Office

### 33. Event Number
- 6484777

### 34. Accident Investigator
- First Name: Philip
- MI: A
- Last Name: Carlisle

### 35. MSHA Person Notified
- First Name: Hubert
- MI: G
- Last Name: Wright

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### 36. Type of Report
- Initial

### 37. Name of Preparer
- Full Name: Ray A Cartwright

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### 38. Reason for Amendment