

Preliminary Report of Accident
PR001 08/02/2019

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					8. Mine ID Number		9. Union						
a) City BREMEN		b) County MUHLENBERG		c) State KY		15-17741		No					
10. Primary Mineral Mined				11. Number of Employees									
				a) Total 8		b) Underground		c) Open Pit/Quarry		d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other 8	
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			c) Open Pit/Quarry			d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other 4			
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident					18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for								
a) Mine Employees 0		b) Contractor Employees 4			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													
Richard L Knapp													
a) First Name Richard		a) MI L	a) Last Name Knapp		b) Age 62	c) Regular Job Title Welder/Iron Worker		d) Activity at Time of Accident General Labor		Employee Contractor Employee			
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 No		If Yes, Location											
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. <i>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.</i>													
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			Date/Time Notified 07/31/2019 3:47 PM							
36. Type of Report Initial		37. Name of Preparer			Date Prepared								
		Full Name Ray A Cartwright			07/31/2019								
38. Reason for Amendment													