

Preliminary Report of Accident
PR001 06/03/2019

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



1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification 06 - Fall of Face, Rib, Pillar or Highwall		3. Date/Time of Accident 05/22/2019 6:10 PM		4. Date/Time of Death 05/30/2019 10:19 PM		5. Fatal Case No 9					
6. Mine Information													
a) Mining Company Name:		Rex Coal Company Inc											
b) Mine Name:		CVB No 1											
c) Parent of Mining Company:		Joseph T Bennett et al											
7. Mine Location Information					8. Mine ID Number		9. Union						
a) City Cumberland		b) County Harlan		c) State KY		15-18869		No					
10. Primary Mineral Mined Bituminous Coal Underground Mining				11. Number of Employees									
				a) Total 94		b) Underground 94		c) Open Pit/Quarry 0		d) Mill/Prep Plant 0		e) Other 0	
12. Contractor Name						13. Contractor 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 27		b) Contractor Employees 0			a) Mine Employees 0		b) Contractor Employees 0						
19. Accident Location 01-07 - Underground Advance Mining								20. Mining Height 9 Feet 0 Inches					
21. Nonfatal Injuries 0		22. Fatal Injuries 1											
23. Victims Information													
Felix M North													
a) First Name Felix		a) MI M	a) Last Name North		b) Age 48	c) Regular Job Title Continuous Miner Operator		d) Activity at Time of Accident Miner Operator		Employee Mine Employee			
24. Mining Experience													
a) Total Experience 12 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days		b) Experience at the Mine 0 Years 37 Weeks 0 Days			c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 6 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days			d) Experience with Contractor 0 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days					
25. Autopsy Performed No		If Yes, Location											
26. Mine Telephone No. (606) 573-2233													
27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations) On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at approximately 6:10 p.m., a continuous mining machine operator was seriously injured when a section of coal/rock rib fell and pinned him to the mine floor. The accident happened on the active 0020 MMU as he was moving the machine cable. The victim was transported to the surface area of the mine and airlifted to a regional trauma center. He remained there until he died of his injuries on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at approximately 10:19 p.m. <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 C0700 - Barbourville, KY					32. Field Office C0701 - Barbourville KY Field Office			33. Event Number 4459865					
34. Accident Investigator													
First Name Ricky		MI L	Last Name Suffridge										
35. MSHA Person Notified													
First Name Marvin		MI	Last Name Hoskins			Date/Time Notified 05/22/2019 7:42 PM							
36. Type of Report Initial		37. Name of Preparer Full Name Alvin L Brown			Date Prepared 05/31/2019								
38. Reason for Amendment													