

Preliminary Report of Accident

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



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1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification 17 - Machinery		3. Date/Time of Accident 12/15/2020 10:30 AM		4. Date/Time of Death 12/15/2020 10:30 AM		5. Fatal Case No FAI-4431618-1		
6. Mine Information										
a) Mining Company Name:		Rapid FM Aggregates, LLC								
b) Mine Name:		FORDS BRANCH MINE 1								
c) Parent of Mining Company:		Rapid NRG USA, Inc								
7. Mine Location Information										
a) City PIKEVILLE			b) County Pike			c) State KY			8. Mine ID Number 15-19602	
9. Union No										
10. Primary Mineral Mined Crushed & Broken Sandstone Mining					11. Number of Employees					
					a) Total 6	b) Underground	c) Open Pit/Quarry 6	d) Mill/Prep Plant 0	e) Other	
12. Contractor Name C & M Giant Tire						13. Contractor Union No		14. Contractor ID Number A247		
15. Contractor Address										
a) City Lexington			b) County			c) State KY		d) Zip Code 415022167		
16. Number of Contractor Employees										
a) Total 1		b) Underground 0		c) Open Pit/Quarry 1		d) Mill/Prep Plant 0		e) Other 0		
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident					18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for					
a) Mine Employees 6		b) Contractor Employees 1			a) Mine Employees 0		b) Contractor Employees 0			
19. Accident Location 03 - Open Pit								20. Mining Height Feet Inches		
21. Nonfatal Injuries		22. Fatal Injuries 1								
23. Victims Information										
George W Fitzpatrick										
a) First Name George	a) MI W	a) Last Name Fitzpatrick		b) Age 58	c) Regular Job Title Tire Technician		d) Activity at Time of Accident Changing Heavy Equipment Tire		Employee Contractor Employee	
24. Mining Experience										
a) Total Experience 22 Years Weeks Days		b) Experience at the Mine Years Weeks Days			c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 22 Years Weeks Days			d) Experience with Contractor 12 Years Weeks Days		
25. Autopsy Performed Yes		If Yes, Location Frankfort, KY								
26. Mine Telephone No. (606) 213-0434										
27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations) The victim was fatally injured while attempting to change the right rear tire on a Caterpillar 992D Front-End Loader. <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 Caterpillar					29. Model 992D					
30. District C0500 - Norton District					32. Field Office C0504 - Pikeville KY Field Office			33. Event Number 4431618		
34. Accident Investigator										
First Name Thomas			MI R	Last Name Bower						
35. MSHA Person Notified										
First Name Craig			MI	Last Name Plumley			Date/Time Notified 12/15/2020 11:06 AM			
36. Type of Report Initial		37. Name of Preparer			Date Prepared					
		Full Name Thomas R Bower			12/15/2020					
38. Reason for Amendment										