

Preliminary Report of Accident

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



PR001 10/14/2022

1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification 12 - Powered Haulage		3. Date/Time of Accident 08/17/2022 10:05 AM		4. Date/Time of Death 08/17/2022 12:03 PM		5. Fatal Case No FAI-7013936-1	
6. Mine Information									
a) Mining Company Name:		Tunnel Ridge, LLC							
b) Mine Name:		Tunnel Ridge Mine							
c) Parent of Mining Company:		Alliance Resource Partners LP							
7. Mine Location Information					8. Mine ID Number		9. Union		
a) City Valley Grove		b) County Ohio		c) State WV		46-08864		No	
10. Primary Mineral Mined Bituminous Coal Underground Mining				11. Number of Employees		d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other	
				a) Total 443		b) Underground 340		c) Open Pit/Quarry 70	
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 113		b) Contractor Employees			a) Mine Employees		b) Contractor Employees		
19. Accident Location 01 - Underground								20. Mining Height 7 Feet 0 Inches	
21. Nonfatal Injuries 0		22. Fatal Injuries 1							
23. Victims Information									
William A Richards									
a) First Name William	a) MI A	a) Last Name Richards	b) Age 38	c) Regular Job Title General Inside Laborer	d) Activity at Time of Accident General Inside Laborer		Employee Mine Employee		
24. Mining Experience									
a) Total Experience 13 Years 1 Weeks 0 Days		b) Experience at the Mine 5 Years 5 Weeks 0 Days		c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 5 Years 5 Weeks 0 Days			d) Experience with Contractor 0 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days		
25. Autopsy Performed Yes		If Yes, Location Charleston, WV							
26. Mine Telephone No. (304) 547-2900									
27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations) On August 17, 2022, a general inside laborer died when he was caught between a supply car and its coupler. The victim was sitting on the supply car which was coupled to a locomotive parked in a track spur. The locomotive was struck by another locomotive pulling three loaded cars into the mine. The impact knocked the victim off the supply car, killing him. <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 Not listed Brookville				29. Model 30T208D					
30. District C0300 - Morgantown District				32. Field Office C0305 - St. Clairsville OH Field Office				33. Event Number 7013936	
34. Accident Investigator									
First Name Joedy		MI N		Last Name Gutta					
35. MSHA Person Notified									
First Name William		MI		Last Name Spens		Date/Time Notified 08/17/2022 10:16 AM			
36. Type of Report Initial		37. Name of Preparer Full Name Michael P Stark			Date Prepared 08/18/2022				
38. Reason for Amendment									