

Preliminary Report of Accident

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



PR001 12/29/2022

1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury	2. Accident Classification 12 - Powered Haulage	3. Date/Time of Accident 08/17/2022 9:54 AM	4. Date/Time of Death 08/17/2022 9:54 AM	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 46-08864	9. Union No
a) City Valley Grove		b) County Ohio		c) State WV
10. Primary Mineral Mined Bituminous Coal Underground Mining		11. Number of Employees		
		a) Total 443	b) Underground 340	c) Open Pit/Quarry 70
				d) Mill/Prep Plant 33
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
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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.

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 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