

# Preliminary Report of Accident

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



PR001 02/13/2023

<b>1. Accident Type</b> F - Fatal Injury	<b>2. Accident Classification</b> 10 - Handtools	<b>3. Date/Time of Accident</b> 01/23/2023 12:48 PM	<b>4. Date/Time of Death</b> 01/23/2023 1:52 PM	<b>5. Fatal Case No</b> FAI-6874690-1
<b>6. Mine Information</b>				
a) Mining Company Name: b) Mine Name: c) Parent of Mining Company:		Nevada Gold Mines, LLC Meikle Mine Newmont Goldcorp Corporation et al		
<b>7. Mine Location Information</b>			<b>8. Mine ID Number</b>	<b>9. Union</b>
a) City ELKO	b) County Eureka	c) State NV	26-02246	
<b>10. Primary Mineral Mined</b> Gold Ore Mining, N.E.C.		<b>11. Number of Employees</b>		
		a) Total 554	b) Underground 504	c) Open Pit/Quarry 0
		d) Mill/Prep Plant 0		e) Other 50
<b>12. Contractor Name</b>			<b>13. Contractor Union</b>	<b>14. Contractor ID Number</b>
<b>15. Contractor Address</b>				
a) City	b) County	c) State	d) Zip Code	
<b>16. Number of Contractor Employees</b>				
a) Total	b) Underground	c) Open Pit/Quarry	d) Mill/Prep Plant	e) Other
<b>17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident</b>		<b>18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for</b>		
a) Mine Employees 225	b) Contractor Employees	a) Mine Employees 0	b) Contractor Employees	
<b>19. Accident Location</b> 01 - Underground				<b>20. Mining Height</b> 18 Feet 0 Inches
<b>21. Nonfatal Injuries</b> 1	<b>22. Fatal Injuries</b> 1			

**23. Victims Information**

<b>Alejandro Castaneda</b>						
a) First Name Alejandro	a) MI	a) Last Name Castaneda	b) Age 49	c) Regular Job Title Utility Management	d) Activity at Time of Accident Removing a water filled steel waterline	Employee Mine Employee
<b>24. Mining Experience</b>						
a) Total Experience 19 Years 47 Weeks 5 Days		b) Experience at the Mine 19 Years 47 Weeks 5 Days		c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 7 Years 32 Weeks 1 Days		d) Experience with Contractor 0 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days
<b>25. Autopsy Performed</b> Yes		<b>If Yes, Location</b> Washoe County Medical Examiner				

**26. Mine Telephone No.**  
(775) 778-8787

**27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations)**  
Two miners were removing steel waterlines with hand tools when one of the waterlines suddenly broke apart, striking and killing one miner. The other miner was seriously injured.  
*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.*

<b>28. Equipment Manufacturer</b>		<b>29. Model</b>		
<b>30. District</b> M7000 - Vacaville District		<b>32. Field Office</b> M7851 - Elko NV Field Office		<b>33. Event Number</b> 6874690
<b>34. Accident Investigator</b>				
First Name Chad	MI	Last Name Hilde		
<b>35. MSHA Person Notified</b>				
First Name Miles	MI	Last Name Frandsen	Date/Time Notified 01/23/2023 2:32 PM	
<b>36. Type of Report</b> Initial		<b>37. Name of Preparer</b>		<b>Date Prepared</b>
		Full Name William L Whitby		01/24/2023

**38. Reason for Amendment**