

Preliminary Report of Accident

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

PR001 08/13/2024

1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification 12 - Powered Haulage		3. Date/Time of Accident 08/11/2024 12:05 AM		4. Date/Time of Death 08/11/2024 1:09 AM		5. Fatal Case No FAI-F004746-1		
6. Mine Information										
a) Mining Company Name:		Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C.								
b) Mine Name:		West Elk Mine								
c) Parent of Mining Company:		Arch Resources Inc								
7. Mine Location Information			8. Mine ID Number			9. Union				
a) City SOMERSET		b) County Gunnison		c) State CO	05-03672			No		
10. Primary Mineral Mined Bituminous Coal Underground Mining					11. Number of Employees		c) Open Pit/Quarry		d) Mill/Prep Plant	e) Other
					a) Total 325		b) Underground 231		43	51
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 36		b) Contractor Employees			a) Mine Employees 0		b) Contractor Employees			
19. Accident Location 02 - Surface at Underground								20. Mining Height Feet Inches		
21. Nonfatal Injuries		22. Fatal Injuries 1								
23. Victims Information										
Leonard A Barnes										
a) First Name Leonard		a) MI A	a) Last Name Barnes		b) Age 62	c) Regular Job Title Surface Miner		d) Activity at Time of Accident Clearing spillage around head roller	Employee Mine Employee	
24. Mining Experience				b) Experience at the Mine		c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident		d) Experience with Contractor		
a) Total Experience 5 Years 30 Weeks 6 Days		5 Years 30 Weeks 6 Days		Years 30 Weeks Days		Years Weeks Days				
25. Autopsy Performed Yes			If Yes, Location Community Hospital in Grand Junction, CO							
26. Mine Telephone No. (970) 929-2200										
27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations) A miner died while shoveling coal off a belt conveyor. During this process, the belt conveyor moved forward causing the miner to fall 37 feet down a transfer chute, onto a belt conveyor that transferred him to the top of a stacker tube where he fell approximately 60 feet onto a coal stockpile. <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 C0900 - Lakewood District					32. Field Office C0907 - Delta CO Field Office			33. Event Number F004746		
34. Accident Investigator										
First Name GARY		MI JOSEPH		Last Name POLSON						
35. MSHA Person Notified										
First Name Kendell		MI C	Last Name Whitman			Date/Time Notified 08/11/2024 12:51 AM				
36. Type of Report Initial		37. Name of Preparer Full Name GARY JOSEPH POLSON			Date Prepared 08/12/2024					
38. Reason for Amendment										