

Preliminary Report of Accident

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

PR001 09/27/2024

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| 1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury | | 2. Accident Classification 08 - Fire | | 3. Date/Time of Accident 06/14/2024 2:08 PM | | 4. Date/Time of Death 06/14/2024 2:08 PM | | 5. Fatal Case No FAI-F002E29-1 | |
| 6. Mine Information | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Mining Company Name: | | Hi-Grade Materials Co | | | | | | | |
| b) Mine Name: | | Littlerock Quarry | | | | | | | |
| c) Parent of Mining Company: | | Robar Enterprises Inc | | | | | | | |
| 7. Mine Location Information | | | 8. Mine ID Number | | | 9. Union | | | |
| a) City Littlerock | | b) County Los Angeles | | c) State CA | 04-04802 | | | No | |
| 10. Primary Mineral Mined Construction Sand & Gravel Mining, N.E.C. | | | | | 11. Number of Employees | | c) Open Pit/Quarry | | d) Mill/Prep Plant |
| | | | | | a) Total 13 | b) Underground | 13 | | 0 |
| 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 13 | | b) Contractor Employees | | | a) Mine Employees 0 | | b) Contractor Employees | | |
| 19. Accident Location 00 - Other Quarry plant | | | | | | | | 20. Mining Height Feet Inches | |
| 21. Nonfatal Injuries | | 22. Fatal Injuries 1 | | | | | | | |
| 23. Victims Information | | | | | | | | | |
| Andrew Pontious | | | | | | | | | |
| a) First Name Andrew | | a) MI | a) Last Name Pontious | | b) Age 52 | c) Regular Job Title Firefighter | | d) Activity at Time of Accident Fighting loader fire | Employee Other Employee |
| 24. Mining Experience | | | | | | | | | |
| a) Total Experience 19 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days | | b) Experience at the Mine 0 Years 0 Weeks 1 Days | | | c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 19 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days | | | d) Experience with Contractor 0 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days | |
| 25. Autopsy Performed No | | If Yes, Location | | | | | | | |
| 26. Mine Telephone No. (760) 669-3244 | | | | | | | | | |
| 27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations) Firefighter was on the left rear of the 988 K CAT F.E.L, trying to extinguish a fire and was approx. 4 feet away from tire. The tire ruptured, throwing him approx. 31 feet away onto a sand pile. The explosion was so violent that it ripped him out of his bunker gear. <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 988K | | | | |
| 30. District M7000 - Vacaville District | | | | | 32. Field Office M7841 - Henderson NV Field Office | | | 33. Event Number F002E29 | |
| 34. Accident Investigator | | | | | | | | | |
| First Name | | MI | Last Name | | | | | | |
| 35. MSHA Person Notified | | | | | | | | | |
| First Name Troy | | MI | Last Name VanWey | | | Date/Time Notified 06/14/2024 3:55 PM | | | |
| 36. Type of Report Initial | | 37. Name of Preparer Full Name Kenneth Pettus | | | Date Prepared 06/15/2024 | | | | |
| 38. Reason for Amendment | | | | | | | | | |