

Preliminary Report of Accident

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

PR001 06/28/2024

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 a) City Littlerock	b) County Los Angeles	c) State CA	8. Mine ID Number 04-04802	9. Union No																												
10. Primary Mineral Mined Construction Sand & Gravel Mining, N.E.C.		11. Number of Employees a) Total 13 b) Underground c) Open Pit/Quarry 13 d) Mill/Prep Plant 0 e) Other 0																														
12. Contractor Name			13. Contractor Union	14. Contractor ID Number																												
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17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident a) Mine Employees 13 b) Contractor Employees		18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for 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																																
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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) A firefighter died while fighting a fire on a front-end loader. The victim was approximately four feet away from the tire when it ruptured, throwing him a significant distance away from the front-end loader. <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 Kenneth		MI	Last Name Pettus																													
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																																