

Preliminary Report of Accident

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



PR001 10/07/2026

1. Accident Type F - Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification 17 - Machinery		3. Date/Time of Accident 05/20/2026 10:21 AM		4. Date/Time of Death 05/20/2026 10:21 AM		5. Fatal Case No FAI-F014C7C-1	
6. Mine Information									
a) Mining Company Name:		Pine Branch Mining LLC							
b) Mine Name:		Combs Branch Job							
c) Parent of Mining Company:		Sev.en Global Investments a.s.							
7. Mine Location Information				8. Mine ID Number		9. Union			
a) City Chavies		b) County Perry		c) State KY		15-16883		No	
10. Primary Mineral Mined Bituminous				11. Number of Employees					
				a) Total 22		b) Underground		c) Open Pit/Quarry 22	
						d) Mill/Prep Plant 0		e) Other 0	
12. Contractor Name Boyd Company						13. Contractor Union No		14. Contractor ID Number C1571	
15. Contractor Address				b) County		c) State		d) Zip Code	
a) City Louisville						KY		40223	
16. Number of Contractor Employees									
a) Total 2		b) Underground 0		c) Open Pit/Quarry 0		d) Mill/Prep Plant 0		e) Other 2	
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident					18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for				
a) Mine Employees 11		b) Contractor Employees 2			a) Mine Employees 0		b) Contractor Employees		
19. Accident Location 03 - Open Pit								20. Mining Height 3 Feet 4 Inches	
21. Nonfatal Injuries 0		22. Fatal Injuries 1							
23. Victims Information									
Preston B Pollard									
a) First Name Preston		a) MI B	a) Last Name Pollard		b) Age 25	c) Regular Job Title Mechanic-Field Tech		d) Activity at Time of Accident Removing counter weight-CAT 992G Loader	
Employee Contractor Employee									
24. Mining Experience									
a) Total Experience 6 Years Weeks Days		b) Experience at the Mine 0 Years 4 Weeks 0 Days			c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 1 Years Weeks Days			d) Experience with Contractor 6 Years Weeks	
25. Autopsy Performed Yes									
If Yes, Location Frankfort, KY									
26. Mine Telephone No. (606) 438-1683									
27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations) A contract miner died after the counterweight of a front-end loader fell on him. <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 992G				
30. District C0700 - Barbourville District					32. Field Office C0704 - Hazard KY Field Office			33. Event Number F014C7C	
34. Accident Investigator									
First Name Jeffrey		MI D	Last Name Brock						
35. MSHA Person Notified									
First Name Renee		MI	Last Name Hinkle			Date/Time Notified 05/20/2026 10:38 AM			
36. Type of Report Amended		37. Name of Preparer Full Name Jeffrey D Brock			Date Prepared 05/21/2026				
38. Reason for Amendment Clerical error on the entry of the time for Item 35. Changed from 10:54 AM to 10:38 AM. The Mine Escalation Report clearly states 10:38 AM.									