

Preliminary Report of Accident

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



PR001 05/29/2026

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		c) Open Pit/Quarry		d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other
				a) Total 22		22		0		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		b) Experience at the Mine		c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident			d) Experience with Contractor			
a) Total Experience 6 Years Weeks Days		1 Years Weeks Days		1 Years Weeks Days			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 10:54 AM				
36. Type of Report Initial		37. Name of Preparer Full Name Jeffrey D Brock			Date Prepared 05/21/2026					
38. Reason for Amendment										