

Preliminary Report of Accident



1. Accident Type: Fatal Injury		2. Accident Classification Exploding Vessels under Pressure		3. Date/Time of Accident 10/02/2018 12:00 PM		4. Date/Time of Death 10/02/2018 12:33 PM		5. Fatal Case No 10		
6. Mine Information :										
a) Mining Company Name Empire State Mines LLC			b) Mine Name Empire State Mines			c) Parent of Mining Company Augusta Group Company				
7. Mine Location :		a) City GOUVERNEUR		b) County St Lawrence		c) State NY		8. Mine ID Number: 30-01185		9. Union: YES
10. Primary Mineral Mined: LEAD-ZINC ORE MINING, N.E.C.			11. Number of Mine Employees: a) Total 161		b) Underground 102	c) Open Pit/Quarry 0		d) Mill/Prep Plant 59	e) Other 0	
12. Contractor Name: Major Drilling						13. Union NO		14. Contractor ID Number: S580		
15. Contractor Address:			a) City Salt Lake City		b) County Salt Lake		c) State UT		d) Zip Code 84120	
16. Number of Contractor Employees:		a) Total 54		b) Underground 36		c) Open Pit/Quarry 0		d) Mill/Prep Plant 0	e) Other 18	
17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident:					18. Number of Persons Unaccounted For:					
a) Mine Employees: 42		b) Contractor Employees: 36			a) Mine Employees: 0		b) Contractor Employees: 0			
19) Location of Accident									20. Mining Height:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01-Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 03-Open Pit		<input type="checkbox"/> 07-Advance Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 30-Mill/Prep Plant		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		Feet Inches	
<input type="checkbox"/> 02-Surface at Underground	<input type="checkbox"/> 06-Dredge Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 08-Retreat Mining		<input type="checkbox"/> 99-Office Facility				15 0	
21. Nonfatal Injuries: 0			22. Fatal Injuries: 1							
23. Victim Information :										
a) Name Brendan P. Demasters					b) Age 40					
c) Regular Job Title: Foreman					d) Activity at Time of Accident: Clearing blast holes					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor Employee										
24. Experience :										
Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days			Years Weeks Days	
a) Total:	20 0 0		b) at the mine: 0 16 0		c) at activity (23d) 20 0 0		d) with Contractor 4 24 2			
25. Autopsy Performed: If Yes, Location YES Canton Hospital - Richville, NY								26. Mine Telephone No.: (315) 535-3238		

27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status of rescue and recovery operations):
 During development of a raise on the 2730 level of the mine, a contract foreman (victim) was attempting to clean out a previously blasted verticle drill hole with a high-pressure air hose. A sudden release of pressure from inside of the hole forced material to be ejected from the hole and struck the foreman. The foreman died from the resultant injuries.

The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident.

28. Equipment Manufacturer:				29. Model:			
30. District: M2000 Northeastern		32. Field Office: Geneva NY				33. Event Number: 0826157	
34. Accident Investigator: Gary C. Merwine			35. MSHA Person Notified: Joseph M. Denk			Date 10/02/2018	Time 12:20 PM
36. Type of Report: Initial		37. Name of Preparer and Date Prepared: Joseph M. Denk				Date 10/11/2018	
38. Reason For Amendment:							