### Preliminary Report of Accident

**PR001 10/15/2020**

#### 1. Accident Type
F - Fatal Injury

#### 2. Accident Classification
17 - Machinery

#### 3. Date/Time of Accident
10/09/2020 11:50 AM

#### 4. Date/Time of Death
10/09/2020 11:50 AM

#### 5. Fatal Case No
FAI-4459924-1

#### 6. Mine Information
- **a) Mining Company Name:** Double Mountain Mining LLC
- **b) Mine Name:** Mine #3
- **c) Parent of Mining Company:** Michael A Blubaugh et al

#### 7. Mine Location Information
- **a) City:** MIDDLESBORO
- **b) County:** Bell
- **c) State:** KY

#### 8. Mine ID Number
15-19268

#### 9. Union
No

#### 10. Primary Mineral Mined
Bituminous Coal Underground Mining

#### 11. Number of Employees
- **a) Total:** 51
- **b) Underground:** 51
- **c) Open Pit/Quarry:** 0
- **d) Mill/Prep Plant:** 0
- **e) Other:** 0

#### 12. Contractor Name
Puckett Creek Hydroseeding

#### 13. Contractor Union
No

#### 14. Contractor ID Number
C1419

#### 15. Contractor Address
- **a) City:** Middlesboro
- **b) County:** Bell
- **c) State:** KY
- **d) Zip Code:** 40965

#### 16. Number of Contractor Employees
- **a) Total:** 3
- **b) Underground:** 3
- **c) Open Pit/Quarry:** 0
- **d) Mill/Prep Plant:** 0
- **e) Other:** 0

#### 17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident
- **a) Mine Employees:** 25
- **b) Contractor Employees:** 3

#### 18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for
- **a) Mine Employees:** 0
- **b) Contractor Employees:** 0

#### 19. Accident Location
03 - Open Pit

#### 20. Mining Height
1 Feet 9 Inches

#### 21. Nonfatal Injuries
0

#### 22. Fatal Injuries
1

#### 23. Victims Information
- **Douglas Slusher**
  - **a) First Name:** Douglas
  - **b) Last Name:** Slusher
  - **c) Age:** 48
  - **d) Regular Job Title:** Hydro-seeder operator
  - **e) Activity at Time of Accident:** Preparing to hydro-seed.
  - **Employee:** Contractor Employee

#### 24. Mining Experience
- **a) Total Experience:** 8 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days
- **b) Experience at the Mine:** 0 Years 0 Weeks 2 Days
- **c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident:** 8 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days
- **d) Experience with Contractor:** 8 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days

#### 25. Autopsy Performed
Yes

#### 26. Mine Telephone No.
(606) 312-9467

#### 27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations)
A contractor changed the nozzle on a hydro-seeder and then accidentally engaged the hydro-seeder’s clutch while the nozzle was pointing towards him. The material being forced through the nozzle struck the victim. This caused the victim to fall backwards striking his neck on the hydro-seeder handrail.

> 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.

#### 28. Equipment Manufacturer
Not listed Finn

#### 29. Model
2500 Hydro-seeder

#### 30. District
C0700 - Barbourville District

#### 32. Field Office
C0701 - Barbourville KY Field Office

#### 33. Event Number
4459924

#### 34. Accident Investigator
- **First Name:** Dannie
- **Last Name:** Lewis

#### 35. MSHA Person Notified
- **First Name:** Crystal
- **Last Name:** Yother

#### 36. Type of Report
Amended

#### 37. Name of Preparer
Dannie W Lewis

#### 38. Reason for Amendment
Corrected Contractor ID once operator obtained for this service. Updated employee numbers based on new information gathered. Revised Accident Classification to reflect "Machinery". Updated Victim Information for Time at this Activity based on new information gathered.

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