

BUREAU OF MINE SAFETY  
1988 TO DATE DESCRIPTION OF FATAL ACCIDENTS  
AT INSPECTABLE SITES

BITUMINOUS FATALS

November 3, 1988 – Beth 33B – Classification – Machinery

Victim was performing mine examiner duties, riding in jeep and for some unknown reason ran into tail of rock loader, sustaining crushing injuries of the chest.

October 11, 1989 – Mine No. 1 – Classification – Electrical

Victim was attempting to steal copper wire from de-energized overhead line leading to the mine. Victim was electrocuted.

November 4, 1989 – Homer City – Classification – Machinery

Operating mine locomotive crushed between top of locomotive and rails of roof.

June 10, 1990 – Beth 33B – Classification – Machinery

Portal bus was traveling along No. 4 track when vehicle derailed at the No. 6 chute north manual track switch. Victim was thrown out of portal bus and pinned between bus and cement block wall causing fatal crushing injuries.

September 25, 1990 – Pitt Gas – Classification – Fall of Roof

Unintentional roof fall, trapped, victim died of crushing injuries.

May 19, 1992 – Beth 33 PP – Classification – Machinery

Dozer operator was pushing coal into No. 4 feeder. Operator was backing up and dozer fell cab end first into a void at the No. 2 feeder.

July 28, 1992 – Warwick – Classification – Machinery

Victim failed to seek refuge in a place of safety and was in the middle of the track entry while a trip of longwall shields were being transported.

July 19, 1993 – Quemahoning No. 1 – Classification – Machinery

Performing maintenance work on continuous miner. Co-worker left area, leaving victim alone. When section foreman was making his pre-shift exam, he found victim crushed between coal rib and cutter head of the continuous miner.

November 5, 1993 – Penn Run – Classification – Machinery

Victim was lubricating machine and became entangled.

July 20, 1994 – Dora 6 – Classification – Other (Powered Haulage)

Victim was run over and pinned under and between two P-242 tractors.

November 16, 1994 – Mine No. 84 – Classification – Fall of Face-Rib

Victim was performing his duties when a large portion of the mine wall separated and fell, striking victim in the back causing fatal injuries.

June 17, 1995 – Mathies – Classification – Other (Powered Haulage)

Victim received crushing injuries as the result of being caught between a stationary and moving object.

April 10, 1996 – Cumberland – Classification – Machinery

Moving stageloader from face when duke jack came loose and struck the victim causing fatal injuries.

October 26, 1996 – Maple Creek – Classification – Other (Powered Haulage)

Motor operated by victim was pulled under a skid striking him causing fatal injuries.

February 7, 1997 – Bailey – Classification – Machinery

Co-worker jogged stageloader conveyer chain, victim was pulled through the stageloader and underneath the crusher, causing victim to receive crushing injuries.

March 28, 1997 – Mine No. 84 – Classification – Machinery

Positioned between continuous miner and rib observing diagnostic indicators. While using remote control unit, victim caused the mining machine to move, entrapping himself.

July 1, 1997 – Maple Creek – Classification – Fall of Face-Rib

Victim was working as belt repairman underground when he was struck by a falling section of the mine entry wall.

July 15, 1997 – Sarah – Classification – Fall of Roof

Victim was kneeling in by the rear bumper of continuous miner when the supported roof above him fell.

December 22, 1999 – Dianne – Classification – Fall of Roof

Victim was operating a continuous-mining machine when a section of unsupported roof fell causing fatal injuries to the victim.

October 29, 2000 – Bailey – Classification – Machinery

Weld holding eyelet to steel beam imbedded in concrete structure failed, causing fatal injuries to victim.

June 27, 2001 – Solar 7 – Classification – Fall of Roof

Operating a continuous miner via remote control when fatally injured by a roof fall.

May 11, 2002 – Mine No. 84 – Classification – Electrical

Operator exited coal hauler while machine frame was energized.

June 13, 2003 – Mt. Spring Mine No. 1 - Classification – Electrical  
Troubleshooting a power imbalance problem on mine power substation – electrocution.

June 10, 2005 – Tracy Lynne – Classification – Fall of Roof  
Roof bolter crushed by a roof fall.

December 12, 2005 – Logansport – Classification – Fall of Roof  
Roof collapsed on the continuous mining machine and employee.

April 5, 2007 – Mine No. 84 – Classification – Slip or Fall  
Fracture to ankle – later died due to complications related to injury.

February 25, 2008 – Nolo – Classification – Powered-Haulage  
Victim was setting up survey station in the shuttle car roadway, when he was struck and ran over by a shuttle car.

April 18, 2008 – Little Toby – Classification – Machinery  
Victim was pinned between the bridge system and the mine wall.

July 11, 2008 – Nolo – Classification – Machinery  
Victim was pinned against coal rib by a belt feeder.

June 23, 2009 – Bailey – Classification – Fall of Roof  
Victim was struck by a piece of rock, causing fatal crushing injuries.

January 28, 2015 – Brubaker – Classification – Machinery  
Victim was struck by the continuous miner tail pinning him against the coal rib.

February 20, 2015 – Heilwood – Classification – Fall of Roof  
Victim was struck by roof rock and received fatal crushing injuries when he was pinned between a piece of roof rock and the top of the drill canopy.

June 28, 2015 – 4 West – Classification – Other  
Victim attempted to close a set of air lock doors and they became dislodged and fell on him.

January 16, 2016 – 4 West – Classification – Fall of Face-Rib  
Victim was struck on the head and back by a large piece of rib.

September 11, 2018 – Kocjancic – Classification – Machinery  
Victim was crushed between the rib and the MBC.

December 20, 2018 – North Fork – Classification – Machinery  
Victim was pinned between the bridge that attaches company number one and two MBC and the Rib.

August 29, 2019 – Enlow Fork – Classification – Fall of Face-Rib  
Victim suffered multiple bodily injuries when a 25' x 8' x 3' section of rib failed, covering him.

May 14, 2021 – Kocjancic – Classification – Fall of Roof  
Victim was crushed when a rock fell from the unsupported roof.

March 2, 2022 – Maple Springs – Classification – Fall of Face – Rib  
Victim was fatally injured when a piece of rib struck him.

### ANTHRACITE FATALS

September 27, 1994 – Harmony – Classification – Fall of Roof.  
Victim was installing roof support when a section of roof fell, striking him.

March 30, 1995 – Primrose Slope – Classification – Electrocutation  
Victim was loading coal into the main slope car, utilizing the loading conveyor extending from the No. 1 Breast when he was electrocuted.

July 25, 1995 – No. 4 Slope – Classification – Fall of Rib  
Two miners were fatally injured due to the collapse of three rib supports.

July 16, 1998 – Tracy Slope – Classification – Explosion/Ignition  
Unplanned detonation of explosives causing fatal injuries to the victim.

October 1, 2004 – Jeddo #8 Prep. Plant – Classification – Fire  
Trapped inside of frontend loader.

October 23, 2006 – Buck Mountain Slope – Classification – Explosion/Ignition  
Fatally injured from forces of a methane gas explosion.

June 16, 2008 – Harmony – Classification – Struck By  
Struck and pinned against the rib by falling rock.

July 25, 2017 – Oak Hill Bank – Classification – Machinery  
Victim was run over by a D9 dozer.

November 29, 2018 – Waste Management and Processors, Inc.- Classification – Machinery  
Victim was struck in the forehead by a temperature probe caused by over pressurization of a hydraulic component on the rear of the valve manifold of the hydraulic system on a service truck.

October 27, 2020 - Williamstown No. 1 – Classification -Fall of Roof  
Victim was installing roof support when a section of roof approximately 5.5 ft. wide, 9 ft. long and 2 feet thick fell on him.

## INDUSTRIAL MINERALS FATALS

April 26, 1993 – Springfield Pike – Classification – Explosion/Ignition

Victim was air arc welding, he shut off torch and placed it in the tank compartment. Acetylene gas leaked from torch into tank compartment. Victim was blown 16 feet by the force of the explosion.

February 8, 2004 – Graymont (PA) Inc. – Classification – Slip or Fall

Fall from machine while opening hatches on tanker.

August 18, 2008 – Coolspring – Classification – Crushing

Chain being used to lift counterweight failed, causing counterweight to strike the victim.

January 7, 2022 – Lake Lynn – Classification – Crushing

Victim was inside the loader cab when rock fell from the unsupported roof and crushed the cab of a CAT 988K front-end loader.