

2012 Robert Earl Jones Mine Rescue Contest Statement

I am _____ , Superintendent of the Mine. This mine is a two unit drift mine. The Main East Section is developing 3 entries off of the Main South Entries.

At 7:00 a.m. this morning a 6 member maintenance crew entered the mine and proceeded into the Main East Working Section to perform idle work. At 9:00 a.m., the mine communication center said there was a jump in the pressure recording chart at the Main mine fan. Several attempts have been made to contact the crew, to no avail. At 9:20 a.m. a single miner came out of the mine, but due to his injuries could not tell us anything.

You are located at the fresh air base on the Main East Section. This fresh air base was established when conditions were encountered that no longer permitted bare face exploration.

This section has experienced bad roof conditions, water problems, and high concentrations of methane gas. All power going in by the fresh air base has been deenergized and locked out, and will not be available until possibly the next shift.

The mine is ventilated with an exhausting fan located on the surface which can be reversed. The fan is operating and is guarded. The fan can be stopped only to reverse the direction of the fan but must be restarted immediately. At the present time air is flowing from left to right across the fresh air base.

All proper authorities have been notified, a command center has been established on the surface, and back-up mine rescue teams are standing by if needed. The mine map is up to date. We have a competent lifeline person to give and return signals.

This is all the information we have available at this time.