

TEAM BRIEFING

New Iberia, LA

May 5-7, 2015

Thank you for coming to aid us at the Marsh Mine. This is an underground Salt mine that is owned and operated by the International De-icing Mining Company. The mine was developed in the early 1970's.

The owners have placed a large sum of money into the operation and just purchased 4 new haul trucks. The shop on the 1800' level has been re-habilitated so the new haul trucks can be assembled without disrupting normal maintenance.

This mine is a multi- level operation which now has 4 shafts – the #1 exhaust shaft, the #2 and #3 intake shafts, and a vent raise from the 1800' level to the surface.

The mine currently operates two 12-hour shifts, which run from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., 7 days per week. Due to the harsh winter in the Northeast, the production was increased to full capacity with an effort to keep up with the demand for ice control salt.

At 7:00 am a member of the maintenance crew stated that he heard a loud crash and observed smoke on his way to the underground office on the 1800' level. He immediately left the area to call the hoist man to activate the evacuation alarm. At close to the same time the hoist operator also observed black smoke exiting the vent shaft. The hoist operator began the evacuation of the mine, based on the brass board everyone was out except for six miners who were assigned to this work level.

At this time from the previous exploration, we know that all automatic fire doors have closed and fresh air base has been advance closer to the affected area. The previous team has not located anyone else in the mine and we are working to establish communication with the underground.

If you are ready and willing, the services of your mine rescue team are needed. We want you to map all accessible areas of the mine, account for all missing miners, and bring any live survivors to the fresh air base. The mine manager will be available at the fresh air base for any questions or requests. GOOD LUCK!