

**Caryville Tennessee M/NM
Mine Rescue Contest
May 14, 2015
Mine Manager Statement**

My name is Robert E. Lee and I am the mine manager of the Confederate Penny Mine. Thank you for answering our call for help. You are located at the fresh air base underground. Your judges are _____. (Introduce all judges)

This is a zinc mine with multiple entries. We have had some challenging geology in the Yankee Pass work area. We have water problems and multiple bedding seams in the roof/back.

At 11 pm last night six miners and a foreman entered the mine. Three repairmen went to the Yankee Pass work area in a service truck to work on the haul truck and rock drill. Three electricians remained in the underground shop area to work on various mining equipment. Around 5 am this morning the foreman called the underground shop and informed them he had encountered heavy smoke while trying to enter the Yankee Pass area to check on the crew. He tried to contact the repair crew by radio but had no response. He told the electricians in the underground shop to contact the hoist man outside and evacuate the mine. The foreman and electrician crew are safely on the surface. I have tried but have not been able to make contact with anyone underground.

There is no electrical power in the mine at this time. The power is locked out and guarded. We have persons monitoring the exhausting fan.

The entire mine has been explored except for this area. The last mine rescue team installed temporary brattices in the #1 and #3 Headings and moved the ventilation and fresh air base up to this point.

All Federal and State authorities have been notified and are on site in the command center. There are several teams available as your backup. We have a competent lifeline person ready to assist you.

Thank you and good luck.