

WKMI SAFETY DAYS
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The High Risk Coal Company, #1 Mine thanks you for answering our call for help. A four man maintenance crew went underground on the third shift last night. We have been unable to contact them since arriving at the mine today. Our mine foreman, Fred Floatdust went in to check on them after he found the Exhaust fan off and the #2 entry blocked. He has not returned to the surface and we are unable to contact him also. You will be given a list of the names of all the missing miners with the maps. You are located on the surface of this highwall mine. This mine has just gotten started and we are in about 4 crosscuts, and have just completed a six foot airshaft that is located in the face of number 2 entry. The shaft as well as the surface side of our exhaust fan has been examined, so it will not be necessary for your team to examine the surface side. We just started using the air shaft this week. This mine has a lot of methane especially around areas where the top is bad, but that should improve as we advance. Since this is a new mine there are no sealed areas located underground, and we do not have a refuge alternative set up underground yet. The mine is ventilated by an exhaust fan that is currently off. We have rewired it and believe it will start but once started it cannot be turned off. To energize the fan or any electrical circuits you must request it be done by the command center. The fan cannot be reversed and must not be stalled.

All of the underground power has been locked out and is being guarded. All regulatory agencies have been notified as required and are now onsite. There is a trained mine rescue team onsite to serve as your back-up. There is a lifeline man here to handle your lifeline. The mine maps you will receive are up to date, except for anything mined during the last shift. This is all the information available except for any additional written instructions that will be given to you with the maps. Your briefing officer will remain on the surface in the command center and will only be able to communicate with you by your communications system after your team goes underground.

Good Luck