

Southeast Regional Coal Written Information

Thank you for coming to our call for help at the Tennessee #2 mine. The Tennessee #2 mine is mining the outcrop of the Tennessee #1 mine. Last night on owl shift we had 3 employees working to clean the section and start production. We've had some kind of an event that disrupted ventilation and damaged ventilation controls. The fan stopped for a short time but was restarted. This mine has a history of large amounts of methane liberation. The methane can only be controlled by maintaining the ventilation through the operation of the exhaust fan located on the surface of the #3 entry. The mine has been explored to within four cross cuts of the face in the #1 entry. A fresh-air base was established in the #1 entry. Caved airtight prevented the team from exploring across the fresh air base into the #2 and #3 entries. Teams explored up the #2 entry to the fresh-air base but was stopped just outby the fresh-air base by caved airtight. The team also traveled the #3 entry to the fresh-air base was unable to enter and explore the fresh-air base cross cut due to an apparatus malfunction. All areas outby the fresh-air base have been explored and are safe to vent through. We would like for your team to travel to the fresh-air base in the #1 entry and start exploration from there. A debriefing of the last team revealed that we have air traveling

inby the fresh-air base. Due to methane liberation we're concerned about stopping this ventilation until we can explore the air path. "Note: once a gas has been cleared by ventilation it will not re-accumulate". An air shaft was drilled down near the face in the #1 entry and will be shown on your maps. All state and federal agencies have been notified and are on site. Backup teams are available if needed in case of emergency. This is all the information I have at this time. Thanks and good luck.

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- Explore the entire mine
- Account for all missing miners
- Bring all survivors to the FAB
- The fan cannot be stopped stalled or reversed