

FATAL ACCIDENTS

REPORT OF FATAL ACCIDENT

Name of Victim: Frank Kovash
Address: Box 275
Ebensburg, PA
Name of Mine: Cambria Slope Preparation Plant
Name of Company: BethEnergy Mines, Inc.
Date of Accident: 5/19/92 - Cambria County

Frank Pohopin
Mine Inspector 15th Bituminous District

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCIDENT

On May 19, 1992, a Mobile Equipment Operator, age 61, with 23 years of mining experience, employed by BethEnergy Mines, at Cambria Slope Preparation Plant, located in Cambria County, was fatally injured while operating a dozer pushing coal at a coal storage area into No. 4 feeder. Apparently, the operator was backing up and the dozer fell, cab end first, into No. 2 feeder. The dozer fell 26 to 30 feet. The dozer cab was inundated with coal, suffocating the operator.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT

1. Poor communications between dozer operators and the preparation plant panel board operator.
2. No physical indication of feeder hole locations.
3. No indication as to which feeder is operating.
4. Trammng over feeder holes.

MEANS OF PREVENTING A SIMILAR ACCIDENT

1. No trammng over feeders.
2. Travel blade forward while moving toward a feeder.
3. Dozer Operators and Central Operators will communicate at start and end of shifts and at intervals of less than 30 minutes during the shift. These communications to cover the status of the pile, any hazards, and plan for operation. The Central Operator will maintain a written log of the communication.

4. Prior to starting any feeder, Central Operator will notify Dozer Operator.
5. Feeders not in use will be locked, flagged and tagged out of use.
6. Dozers will not be operated without radio communication.
7. Dozer operators will complete a pre-use equipment checklist.
8. Feeders without operating indicators will be locked out of use.
9. Training to be given to all employees associated with the stockpile operation.

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Name of Victim:	James A. Sadowski
Address:	P.O. Box 53, Beallsville, OH
Name of Mine:	Warwick
Name of Company:	New Warwick Mining Co.
Date of Accident:	7/28/92-Greene County

Dennis Walker, Mine Inspector 1st Bituminous District

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCIDENT

On July 28, 1992, at approximately 08:22 p.m., an accident occurred at New Warwick Mining Company, Warwick Mine, in Greene County resulting in the death of James A. Sadowski. The victim, age 41, was employed as a General Inside Laborer, married with three dependents.

The victim for some unknown reason ran alongside of a trip on the wire side. The trip consisted of two motors hauling (4) cars loaded with (4) longwall shields. When he reached the front of the lead motor, the victim tried to cross in front getting ran over by the lead motor and ending up in the wheels of the first shield car.

Cause of death: Crushing blunt force trauma.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT

Unavailable at time of publication of annual.

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