

Team Briefing Statement

Good morning, I am Horace Grant, the mine owner. Thank you for your quick response to the Swamp Dog Silver mine. We have an underground emergency and we are in desperate need of your team's assistance. We do not have a mine rescue team at this mine because we just recently re-opened the mine after being idle for six years. I have contacted the Apple Creek Mine and the Lucky Monday Mine for assistance.

This is a single level adit mine that is accessed by two entries – east portal and west portal. About 3 months ago, I hired a small 5-man crew to do some development and restoration work in preparation for resuming production and also to prepare the mine for a television documentary which was scheduled to start production tomorrow.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. today, the development supervisor, Spencer Cruz, along with the movie producer, Steel Hemmingway, director, Alan Thick, and one cameraman Dickey Jones - all went underground to assess what is needed for the shoot. At 11:00 a.m., I received a call from Cruz via his hand-held radio and all he said was "Help, help, come quickly, the roof is falling" then the radio went dead. I have been unable to contact anyone since then and smoke is now starting to come from the east portal.

All federal and state agencies have been notified. Only the local sheriff's department is here at this time. MSHA issued a protective order but also authorized the dispatch and prudent use of mine rescue teams to find any survivors and to extinguish or control any fires. An inspector should arrive at the mine at any time.

There are two fully trained and capable teams on site to assist you. The mine power and main fan are off. The main fan controls are on the surface and are currently being guarded.

We need to explore the entire mine, check ventilation, extinguish or seal all fires and locate and rescue any live miners. Everything you need is here at the mine and the mine owner will be in charge.