

2013 ILLINOIS STATE Mine Rescue Contest Statement

I am _____ , Superintendent of the Black Diamond Mine. You are located on the surface of the mine. Last night an eight (8) man crew entered the mine and proceeded to the Main West Unit to perform mining activities. At 6:00a.m., this morning a miner called out of the unit and said they were experiencing problems. The phone went dead soon after the call, and no contact has been established with the miners since the call. At 6:30 a.m., 3 miners made it to the bottom of the shaft and came out of the mine. The miners who came out said they could not find the other miners and had no contact with them.

This Main West Section has experienced bad roof conditions, water problems, and high concentrations of methane gas. All power going into the mine has been deenergized and locked out.

The Main West Section is ventilated by a 10 foot shaft with a blowing fan that is not running. The fan can be started when needed, but once started it cannot be reversed, or stalled out.

The mine surveyor has been sick, and the mine map is not up to date.

All proper authorities have been notified, a command center has been established on the surface, and back-up mine rescue teams are standing by if needed.

This is all the information we have available at this time.