

Farmington NM 2013 Mine Rescue

Statement

Thank you for coming to our aid. This morning we had an incident; grave yard called out of 1st right and said they had elevated Carbon Monoxide and Methane levels.

Then we lost communication with the 3 miners in 1st right, there is some static on the phone line and our bath house man thinks it is Morse code, so maybe we are in communication with one miner or not.?

The 1st left crew went in and established a fresh air base, then built a temporary stopping going across the Fresh-Air-Base and short circuited the air going in. Then we evacuated the mine; we are debriefing the crew now to determine why they did what they did.

The continuous miner section 1st Right was mining towards another section, 1st Left, and was drilling in the faces ahead of mining, so we believe that they are at least 100 feet or more and have not yet cut in to the 1st Left section. The 1st left section was ventilated with a shaft to the surface; we are monitoring all shafts from surface locations.

The maps are accurate to last week's date, but the engineer has been gone for the last week and we don't know where he is, so we have just been filling in the map the best we can.

Our fan is blowing and cannot be restated if turned off, it cannot be reversed.

Please help us!!!