

# Lighten Up ... Your Legal Exposure The Importance of Good Recordkeeping

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**LIGHTEN UP!**

# Not me, I'm really good at my job

- **I know my job. I'm good at it.**
- **I'm honest and I have clear conscience.**
- **I am not going to get caught up in all that corporate stuff about record keeping and lawsuits.**
- **I am going to mind my own business and leave all that to the company.**

# Not me, I'm really good at my job

- **Being good at your job is NOT GOOD ENOUGH!!**
- **It sounds good but does not work**
  - ✓ **Does not matter how good you are at your job.**
  - ✓ **It is not a corporate issue, it is a licensed blaster issue – they can only get to the company through you.**
    - Individual liability
    - Reputation
    - Employment
  - ✓ **Minding your own business may sound good, but the legal system makes your business – the public's business....**
    - Outside issues
    - Health issues
    - Employment history

# How are they going to prove we did that ?!

- **They don't have to....The law does not require the plaintiffs to prove cause!**
  - ✓ **You would have more rights if you committed a crime than you do when you are accused of causing damage by blasting vibration. YOU ARE NOT INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY!**
    - Strict liability
    - Dangerous activity
    - Ultra hazardous activity

# How are they going to prove we did that ?!

- **If an activity involves the potential for serious harm to people or property, no matter how carefully it is undertaken, then those responsible for the act will be held strictly liable for any resulting damages.**
- **All the plaintiff has to do is to say they heard/felt a blast and then noticed damage**

# I'll take my chances with a jury

- **Are you sure of that? Who will be on my jury?**
- **You aren't being judged by your "peers." You will be judged by people who know nothing about what you do and probably don't like you**
  - ✓ **Unemployed**
  - ✓ **Housewives (gender gap)**
  - ✓ **Underemployed**
  - ✓ **Non-technical**
  - ✓ **Non-educated**

# I'll take my chances with a jury

- **Most juries will not understand the science or the technology involving in blasting.**
  - ✓ Hundredths of thousands
  - ✓ Inches per second
  - ✓ Linear decibels
  - ✓ Structure response
- **About the only thing they understand is “lawful”... we followed the law and industry standards**
  - ✓ Homeland security
  - ✓ BATF
  - ✓ DANGER
  - ✓ HAZARD

**Examples about what we are talking about...**




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# GPS

**General Information**

Location:  Customer:                      Blast Type- Prod. (to Coal) Permit Numbers:                       
 Loading Crew: BRAD Blasting:                      Shot Numbers: 6-23-06  
 Blaster-in-Charge:                      Date(s) of Loading: 06/23/06 to 06/23/06  
 Blaster's Certification No.: 2443

Blast Date: 06/23/06 Time of Blast: 4:35PM Type of Material Blasted: SS/SHALE  
 Blast Location Information:                      Seam or Ledge: NICKLEPLATE  
 Latitude: 33 36 000 Longitude: 87 1 000 County: Jefferson

**Nearest Protected Structure Information**  
 I.D. Nearest Structure: Keith 3343 Little Cutoff Dr. Distance From Blast: 1165.7 ft. Direction From Blast: 136°

**Weather Conditions @ Time of Blast**  
 Precipitation: NONE Temperature: 89 Wind Speed, from: 5 to 10 mph  
 Atmospheric Conditions: CLEAR Wind Direction, from: E

**Bench Parameters**  
 Max. Burden: 10 Max. Spacing: 10 Average Hole Length: 5.00 Drill Cuttings:                       
 Average Burden: 10.00 Average Spacing: 10.00 Type(s) Stemming:                      Back-fill, Avg.: 1.00  
 % WET HOLES: 0% Depth: 5.0 to 5.0 Avg Stemming, FT.: 3.50 Avg Stemming, FT.: 3.50 MIN DIAM: 7.875 MAX DIAM: 7.875 PF: 1.33 bcy/lb  
 MIN STEM: 3.5 MAX STEM: 3.5 TOT. FT. LOADED: 46.5 TOT. FT. INERT: 418.8 FT. DRILLED: 465  
 NO. HOLES: 93 TOT. LBS. EXPLOS.: 1297 DETONATORS:                      Max. Lbs Allowed/Bms: 449.17

**Products Used**

PRODUCT	SG	LBS
PN 1500	7.25	1227.4
PRIMER		LBS
PENT12	69.75	PENT32 0.00
PENT16	0.00	6-PRAC2X8 0.00
PENT8	0.00	1.25X8 0.00
PENT8	0.00	2X8 0.00

**Seismic/Compliance Information**  
 Compliance Method: Scaled Distance Equation Maximum Lbs per 8ms Delay: 26 Scaled Distance: 221 Seismograph Used? No  
 Minimum SD Allowed: 55 Seismograph Location: N/A Distance to Seis.: N/A

**NO SEIS. USED**

Hole No.	Hole Depth	Total Lbs. Hole	No. Dets. Hole	Weight Primers /Hole	Top Stem, ft.	Back-fill, ft.	Inert/ deck, FT TOT.	No. Decks/ hole	Max. Lbs Per Charge	Column Load, Lbs	Seis. Data			Product used for hole
											TRANS.	VERT.	RADIAL	
1	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
2	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
3	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
4	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
5	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
6	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
7	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
8	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
9	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
10	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
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13	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
14	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
15	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
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19	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
20	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
21	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
22	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
23	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
24	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
25	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
26	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
27	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
28	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
29	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
30	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
31	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500
32	5	13.948	1	0.75	3.5	1	0.00	1	13.948	13.948				PN 1500

TOTAL LBS EXPLOS.: 1297 TOT. FT. LOADED: 47 PF: 0.783 lba/bcy 1.328 bcy/lb  
 BLASTER'S SIGNATURE:                      TOT. FT. DRILLED: 465 TOTAL FEET INERT: 418  
 TOTAL #HOLES: 93 Bank Cubic Yards Blasted: 1722



# BLASTING REPORT

Permit Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Shot Numbers 4-26-06

Location \_\_\_\_\_ (wickie plate)

## Shot Information

Holes Loaded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Holes Loaded: 4-26-06

Blaster in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Number: 02443

Dates Holes Shot: 4-26-06 Times Holes Shot: 4 <sup>am/pm</sup>

GPS: Garmin Etrax Latitude: 38 36 25.2 Longitude: 87 01 32.1 County: Jefferson

No. of Persons in Blasting Crew: 4

Nearest Building Types: 54 Shilo Direction from Blast: Southeast Distance from Blast: 4963

Weather Conditions: Clear Winds: 11-10 mph

Method of Firings: wire electronic Circuit Types: wire electronic

Holes Spacing (Pattern): 10x10 Explosive Type: Emulsion

Seism Location: NA Seism Reading: NA

Distance: NA Seism Analyst: NA

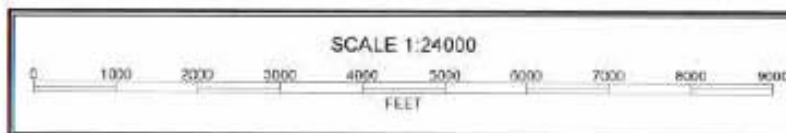
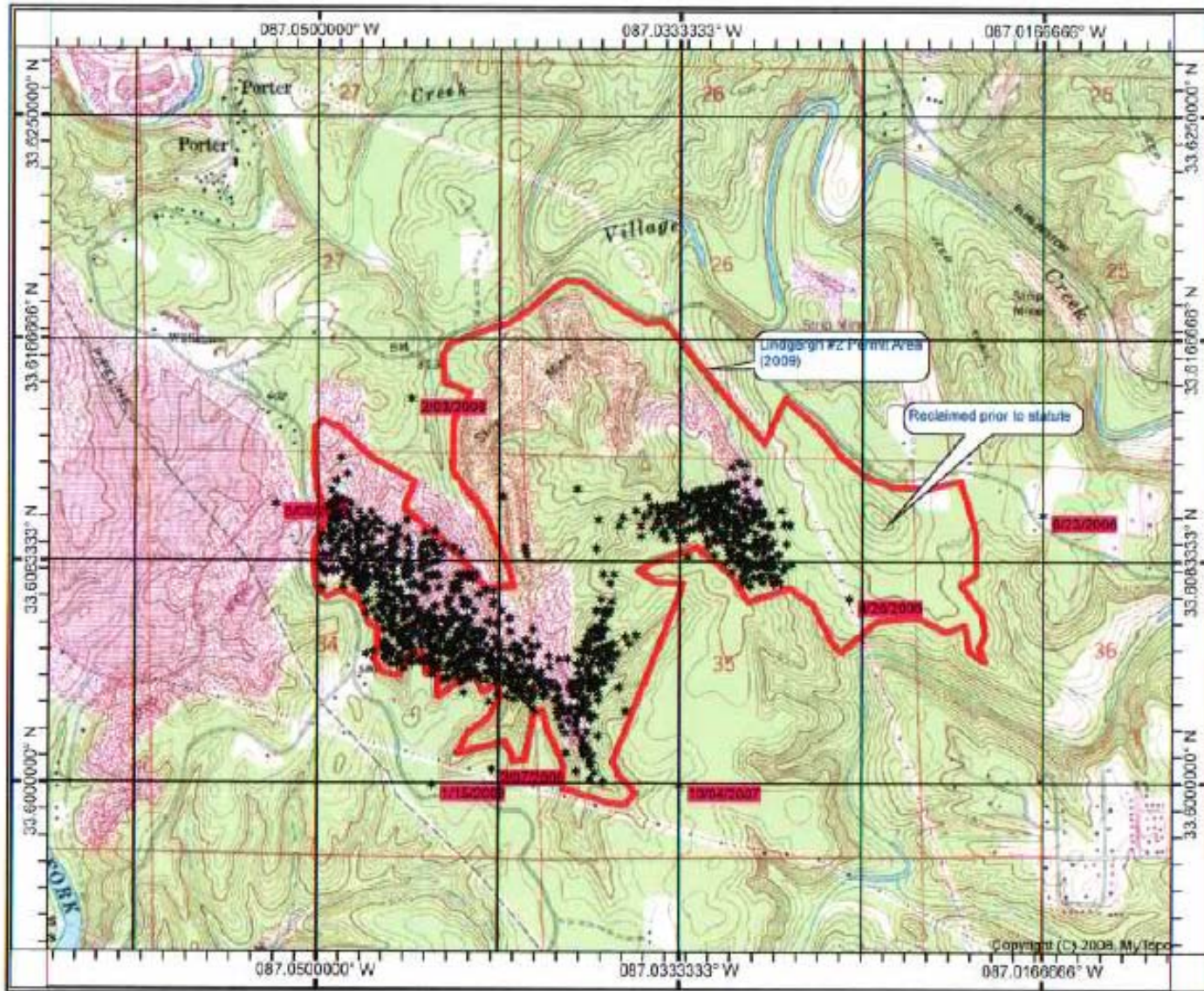
Drill: Ingersoll Hole Diameter: 2 3/8 Type Material Blasted: Shale

Maximum Weight Explosive Detonated per BMS: 137.5

Maximum Weight Explosive Allowed per BMS: 2142

Type of Delay: 500ms Delay Interval: 25ms

Hole No.	Hole Depth	Pounds Explosives	Caps	Primers	Feet of			Hole No.	Hole Depth	Pounds Explosives	Caps	Primers	Feet of		
					Stem	B/T	Inert Deck						Stem	B/T	Inert Deck
<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13.75</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>.5</u>	<u>0</u>								
<u>200</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13.75</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>.5</u>	<u>0</u>								



# Bulk Explosive Weight

**WEIGHT RECORDED BY**

Number BIC 210      **HOWESCALE**      Date 12/20/05

IDENTIFICATION      WEIGHT

	10:25 A	WEIGHT 27,660 LB	lbs. In
	11:49 A	WEIGHT 15,440 LB	lbs. Out
		12,220 LB	lbs. Used

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Commodity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ per lb.

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver: On  Off

\_\_\_\_\_ Load No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Weigher \_\_\_\_\_

Shipper \_\_\_\_\_

Seller \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

TR-200-2TM

SPCOM



Blast No.: 58      Blast type: Stone Quarry/Stone Mine - Overburden/Stripping      Customer:

Date/Time: 12/21/05 10:37 Pit/Permit:

Location: STRIPPING

**ENVIRONMENT**

Structure Name: McCABE RES.  
Structure Type: HOUSE  
Method Used: U.T.M.  
Blast U.T.M.: N1720723      E1874085

Weather: Clear      Terrain: Flat  
Compass Point: NW      Temperature: 49 °F  
Direction/Bearing: 307°      Wind From: NW  
Distance: 1,001 ft      Wind Velocity: 0-5 m  
Structure U.T.M.: N1721322.49      E1873283.597

**LAYOUT**

No. of Holes: 88      Hole Depth: 20.0 ft      Burden: 15.0 ft      Water Depth: 0.0 ft  
No. of Rows: 10      Subdrilling: 0.0 ft      Spacing: 17.0 ft      Stem Length: 8.0 ft  
Diameter: 6.000 in      Face Height: 20.0 ft      Back Fill Depth: 0.0 ft      Stem Type: 67°S  
Mats Used: No      Drilling Angle: 0°      Material Blasted: Limestone

**WEIGHTS**

Electric: Yes      Max. Allow. Chg. Wt. per 8 ms w/o Seismograph: 272 lb      Scaled Distance Factor Used:  $D/W^{1/2} = 55$   
Firing Device: Single Series      Max. No. of Holes Per 8 ms Interval: 2.00      Volume Produced: 16,622.2 yc  
Other Method:      Max. Wt. of Expl. Per 8 ms Interval: 270.0 lb      Weight Produced: 37,699.1 t  
Mfg and Model: REO- CD-450      Max. Wt. of Explosive Per Hole: 135.0 lb      Powder Factor 1: 3.617 t/l  
Initiation Settings: 125 MS      Actual Scaled Distance Factor: 60.92      Powder Factor 2: 0.627 lb.  
Series Resistance (ohms): #1-25.00      Rock Density: 2.268 t/y

**SEISMOGRAPH**

Seismograph Type:  
Date:      Trigger Level:      in/s      dB      Transverse:      in/s      Hz  
Time:      Calibration Date:      Vertical:      in/s      Hz  
Distance From Blast:      ft      Calibration Signal:      Longitudinal:      in/s      Hz  
Direction From Blast:      Geophone Min Freq:      Hz      Acoustic:      dB  
Readout:      Mic. Min Freq:      Hz      Vector Sum:      in/s  
Location:  
U.T.M.:  
Reader and Firm:      Analyst and Firm:      Installer and Firm:

**CREW**

Blast Occurred Other Than Scheduled Time: No      Misfire Occurred: No      Protective Cover: ROCK TRUCK

License Number	Certification	In Charge	Tied In	Chk. Tie-In
		Yes	Yes	Yes
		No	Yes	Yes
		No	No	Yes

**PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

Product Description	Quantity	Weight (lb)
Total Weight of Explosives (Include Primers):		10,423.00 lb
Bulk	10,360.0 lb	10,360.00
Boosters	84.0 ea	63.00
WPP HEET BAG 5" X 44"	2.0 ea	0.00
Blast Service-Blast Crew	1.0 ea	0.00
Custom Blasting Services 1375	1.0 ea	0.00

**Comments/Explanations**

Layout: SHOT LOCATION; N-1720723 ; E-1874085 ; BENCH ELEV.-564 ; MAP NUMBER- 5/17/04 ; SBD #3

PLANT MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_



# Distance to Nearest Dwelling

## BLASTING REPORT

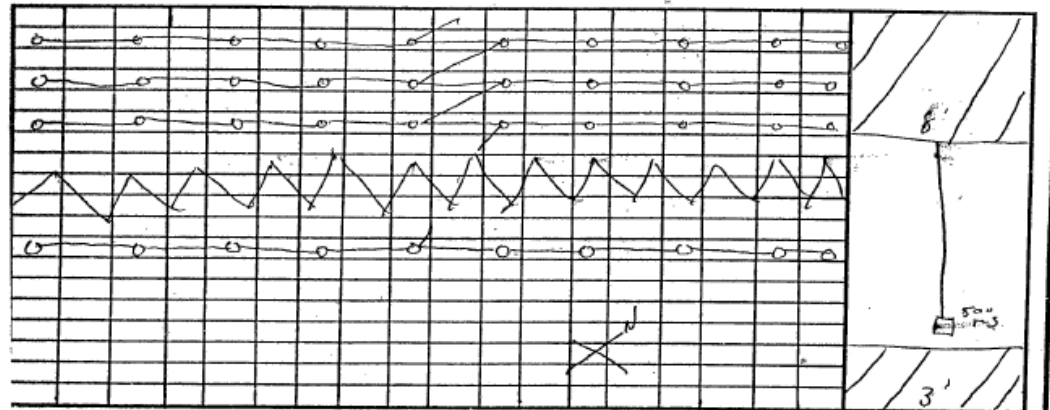
Company \_\_\_\_\_ Mine Site N Permit No. P-  
 Date 1-28-04 Time Of Blast 3:57 A.M. / P.M.  
 Blaster \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature J  
 Weather: Temp 55°F Wind Direction East Speed 5-10 Conditions Clear  
 # Of Rows 11 # Of Holes 110 Hole Diameter 3/4 Burden 15 Spacing 15  
 Depth Of Holes 30 Mats/Other N/A Backfill 3  
 Type and Length of Stemming 8' Stone Material Blasted Shale & Sandstone

### EXPLOSIVES

Type	Size	Lbs./Foot	Total Lbs.
<u>Emul.</u>			
<u>C-35</u>	<u>3/4 lbs</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>46,980</u>
			<u>82.5</u>

Detonators: Type Nonel-Electric nonel Total Explosives Lbs. 46,062.5  
 Surface Delays Used 17ms 42ms In Hole Delays Used 30' 50ms  
 Total Explosives/Hole 418.75 GPS Reading 33° 44.929N / 86° 55.178W  
 Distance To Nearest Dwelling/Location 1500' East McDonald ft Max Lbs. Of Exp. Per 8 ms Delay or More 418.75  
 Max Lbs. Of Explosives Allowed By Scale Distance Per 8 ms Delay or More 743.8  
 Yield 27500 yds. Powder Factor 1.6

\* Northerly Direction Must Be Indicated On Sketch \*



### Field Seismograph Readings Taken By Blaster On Day and Time of Blast

No.:	Loc.:	Loc.:	Loc.:
<u>PPV</u>	<u>PPV</u>	<u>PPV</u>	<u>PPV</u>
<u>Db's</u>	<u>Db's</u>	<u>Db's</u>	<u>Db's</u>
<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>

Comments: Zigzagged 42ms row 17ms off side

# Distance to Nearest Dwelling

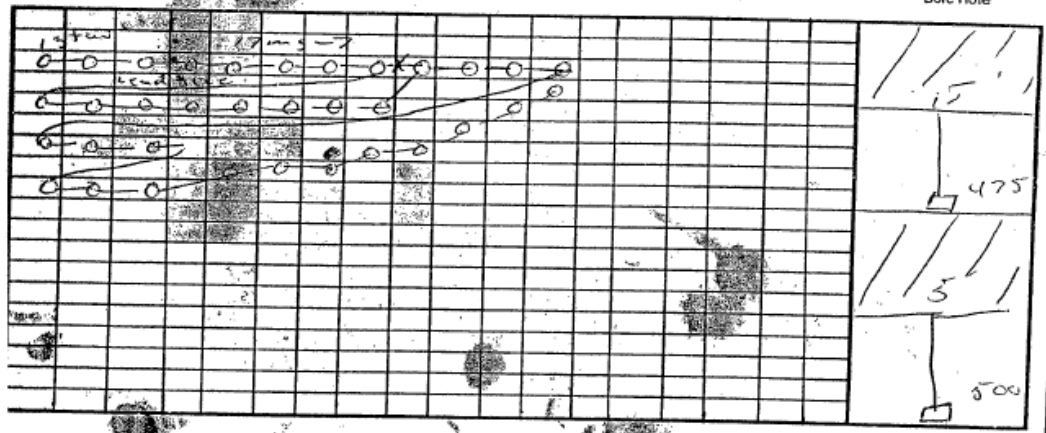
IC. **BLASTING REPORT**

Company MSTR Mine S: 0 Permit No. P:           
 Date 10-22-04 Time Of Blast 4:00 PM A.M./P.M.  
 Blaster:          License No.          Signature           
 Weather: Temp. 83°F Wind Direction SW Speed 0.5 Conditions Sunny  
 # Of Rows 4 # Of Holes 35 Hole Diameter 6 3/4 Burden 18 Spacing 18  
 Depth Of Holes 80 Mats/Other N/A Backfill 0  
 Type and Length of Stemming 15' Cuttings Material Blasted Stale

EXPLOSIVES			
Type	Size	Lbs./Foot	Total Lbs.
<u>Anfo</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>27,300</u>
<u>C-35</u>			<u>52.5</u>

Detonators: Type Nonel-Electric Nonel Total Explosives Lbs. 27,352.5  
 Surface Delays Used 17ms In Hole Delays Used 40' 475ms 80' 500ms  
 Total Explosives/Hole 390.75 GPS Reading 33°44.96N / 98°55.00W  
 Distance To Nearest Dwelling/Location 1,500 East McDonald ft. Max Lbs. Of Exp. Per 8 ms Delay or More 390.75  
 Max Lbs. Of Explosives Allowed By Scale Distance Per 8 ms Delay or More 558.67  
 Yield 33600 yds. Powder Factor 0.8

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Field Seismograph Readings Taken By Blaster On Day and Time Of Blast

ic:	Loc:	Loc:	Loc:
PPV	PPV	PPV	PPV
Db's	Db's	Db's	Db's
Dist	Dist	Dist	Dist

Comments: 17ms down rows Lead line Back



**BLAST REPORT**

DATE: 9 / 24 / 09  
MO DA YF

SHOT NO. 0886 TIME OF BLAST 4:52

COMPANY (PERMITTEE) \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION AT JOB SITE / PIT N 34° 58.20' W 085° 12.63'

WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF TERRAIN:  HILLY  FLAT WIND DIRECTION: (CIRCLE ONE)

VELOCITY 0-5 MPH TEMPERATURE 90° /DEGREES F  
(N) (NE) (E) (SE)  
(S) (SW) (W) (NW)

NEAREST PROTECTED STRUCTURE:

NAME OF STRUCTURE AND/OR TYPE TOOTIE HANE DISTANCE 132' FT.

DIRECTION/BEARING West (IN OHIO, DIRECTION MUST BE STATED IN DEGREES)

OR COMPASS POINT (CIRCLE) (N) (NE) (E) (SE) (S) (SW) (W) (NW)

METHOD USED:  MEASURED  GRID MAP  TOPO MAP  OTHER: Range Finder

TYPE OF MATERIAL BLASTED Lime Stone HOLE DIAMETER 4.5 AVE. DEPTH OF WATER 13'

NO. OF HOLES 21 NO. OF ROWS 1 BURDEN 4

SPACING 3 DEPTH 21-24' FACE HEIGHT 19.5 BACK FILL DEPTH N/A

SUB-DRILLING 3 LENGTH OF STEMMING 16-18' TYPE OF STEMMING 3/4 Stone

WERE BLASTING MATS USED:  YES  NO IF YES, TYPE USED: N/A

EXPLOSIVES	TOTAL QUANTITY	MANUFACTURER
<u>Evon Ditch 2 1/2 x 1 1/2</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>Evon Ditch</u>

TYPE OF PRIMER Evon Ditch MANUFACTURER Evon Ditch

TOTAL WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVES (INCLUDE PRIMERS) 254

TYPE OF INITIATION SYSTEM:  ELECTRIC MANUFACTURER \_\_\_\_\_

NON ELECTRIC MANUFACTURER \_\_\_\_\_

DELAY DETONATORS USED (TYPE) 40' 207500 2 1/2 Dets (21) Makam 4ams Surface (0)

INITIATION METHOD:  SEQUENTIAL MACHINE/TIMER SETTING N/A OHMS resistance each series or circuit, and total circuit resistance \_\_\_\_\_

CD-450 \_\_\_\_\_

CD-600 \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER (NAME) 209 Shot Shell \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE SCALE DISTANCE N/A W = (D/50)<sup>2</sup> W = (D/85)<sup>2</sup> W = (D/)<sup>2</sup>

LEGAL WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVES PER DELAY \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK YOUR STATE & LOCAL REGULATIONS FOR A PROPER SCALE DISTANCE

WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVES PER HOLE 14 (SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS SHOULD BE EXPLAINED ON BACK AND IDENTIFIED IN SKETCH.)

MAX NO. OF HOLES WITHIN 8MS PERIOD 1 MAX WT. OF EXPLOSIVES WITHIN 8MS PERIOD 14 ACTUAL S/D 35.2

TOTAL NO. OF TONS PRODUCED N/A OR TOTAL CUBIC YARDS PRODUCED 135

TOTAL POWDER FACTOR:  LBS/CUBIC YARD 1.8  TONS/LB N/A TONS/CUBIC YARD 1.35

CHECK HERE, IF BLAST OCCURRED AT A TIME OTHER THAN THE SCHEDULED TIME. EXPLAIN WHY IN THE COMMENT SECTION

CHECK HERE, IF A MISFIRE OCCURRED. IF MISFIRE OCCURRED, EXPLAIN PROCEDURE USED TO ELIMINATE THE HAZARD. PLEASE USE COMMENT SECTION.

**SEISMOGRAPH DATA**

TYPE OF INSTRUMENT Nemis SENSITIVITY 1.050

CALIBRATION SIGNAL OR DATE OF CALIBRATION \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: DISTANCE FROM BLAST & LOCATION 132' TOOTIE HANE

DIRECTION FROM BLAST (N) (NE) (E) (SE) (S) (SW)  (W) (NW)

SEISMIC DATA: T \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ DB \_\_\_\_\_

DIGITAL READOUT:  YES  NO

NAME OF PERSON TAKING SEISMIC READING \_\_\_\_\_ FIRM Saul Seismic

NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM ANALYZING RECORD Saul Seismic

ATTACH SEISMIC RECORD IF AVAILABLE





# SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Today



Cloudy

90° F

Feels Like: 90°

Tonight



Scattered T-Storms

75°

Low

Tomorrow



Partly Cloudy

85°

High

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Past 24-hr:  
Precip: 0.13 in (est.)  
Snow: 0 in

Chance of Precip:  
40%

Chance of Precip:  
20%

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Wind:  
From NNE at 3mph

Wind:  
WSW at 9mph

Wind:  
NW at 12mph

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Humidity: 85%  
Dew Point: 64°  
Pressure: 30.00 in ↑  
Visibility: 9.0 mi  
UV Index: 1 - Low

95%

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46%

5 - Moderate

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2009</h1>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 8:35am blast	9	10 4:35pm little blast	11	12
13	14	15	16 8:55am blast	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 4:55pm <u>BIG!!</u> Blast Called Quarry to Complain	25	26
27	28	29 4:25pm little blast	30			

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