

2021 Coal Report

INDIANA BUREAU OF MINES AND MINING SAFETY
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ABOUT THE INDIANA BUREAU OF MINES AND MINE SAFETY

Located in Vincennes, Indiana, the Bureau of Mines and Mine Safety is a division of the Indiana Department of Labor and works very closely with mine management, labor, and the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). The Bureau is under the supervision and direction of the Commissioner of Labor for the State of Indiana. The Bureau is staffed by the Deputy Commissioner, Chief Mine Inspector, and the Indiana Mining Board.

Indiana law requires the Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mine Safety to conduct an inspection of each underground coal mine in the state at least once per quarter. Coal mine inspections are conducted by either the Deputy Commissioner or the Chief Mine Inspector, both certified mine foremen. All safety and health violations identified during these inspections must be immediately corrected. In addition to the state's inspections, MSHA inspectors also conduct frequent enforcement inspections.

For more information about the Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mine Safety, please visit www.in.gov/dol/mines.htm to learn more about Indiana's underground coal mines.

Brian Lett
Deputy Commissioner
Indiana Bureau of Mines

Mining Board Members of the State of Indiana

Tim Emmons/Chairman

For the past 25 years, Tim has served as Chairman of the Indiana Mining Board. A veteran coal mining professional, Tim is a certified MSHA trainer with more than 40 years of experience in coal mining.

Chris Whitehead

Mr. Whitehead is the General Manager for Basiloid Diversified Products. Chris was appointed to the Indiana Mining Board in 2007.

Paul Lake

Serving as the Indiana Mining Board's representative of the public since 2012, Paul is the Executive Director of the Pike County Economic Growth and Development Council.

Kevin Hills

Mr. Hills has been in the coal industry for more than 40 years with the majority of that time spent underground. Kevin currently serves as the Mining Program Director at Vincennes University Gibson Center.

Brandon Flath

Appointed to the Indiana Mining Board in 2021, Brandon is a coal mine professional with 20 years of experience in the industry and currently serves as a Safety Director of an Indiana coal company.

The Mining Board executes and administers the laws of the state of Indiana concerning underground coal mines. They collect and distribute information about the health and safety of the mines and miners. The board administers quarterly examinations for certifications including Mine Foreman, Mine Examiner, Hoisting Engineer and Shot Firer on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October.

Certification

In 2021, Indiana's Mining Board issued a total of 14 certifications to Hoosier coal miners working as mine foreman, mine examiners, hoisting engineers and shot firers.

Certification	Mine Foreman	Mine Examiner	Hoisting Engineer	Shot Firer
Number Issued	8	0	6	0

Permits & Licenses

Mining applicants seeking employment in the underground coal mines must receive a miner's permit from the Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mine Safety. Indiana law requires that anyone employed in an underground mine must demonstrate sufficient intelligence and character as to not be a danger to life and property. A total of 271 miner's permits and licenses were issued to Hoosier miners in 2021.

Permit/License	Miner's Permits	Miner's Licenses
Number Issued	222	49

2021 Indiana Coal Production

The table below illustrates amounts of clean coal produced by each Indiana underground coal mine in 2021.

Coal Mine	County	Employees	Tons of Clean Coal Produced	Coal Seam
Sunrise Coal Oaktown Fuels #1 Mine	Knox	349	3,488,773	Springfield #5
Sunrise Coal Oaktown Fuels #2 Mine	Knox	309	2,147,021	Springfield #5
Gibson County Coal Gibson South Mine	Gibson	250	3,290,186	Springfield #5
Peabody Coal Francisco Mine	Gibson	181	1,485,344	Springfield #5
Total Tonnage of Clean Coal		1,089	10,411,324	

Occupational Injuries in Hoosier Underground Coal Mines

The Indiana Department of Labor and the Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mining Safety, along with its MSHA partners and every Hoosier mine operator, are dedicated to reducing and eliminating workplace hazards in the underground coal mines.

Coal Mine	County	Employees	Reportable Accidents	Lost Time Accidents
Sunrise Coal Oaktown Fuels #1 Mine	Knox	349	16	16
Sunrise Coal Oaktown Fuels #2 Mine	Knox	309	25	25
Gibson County Coal Gibson South Mine	Gibson	250	7	4
Peabody Coal Francisco Mine	Gibson	181	11	10
Totals		1,089	59	55

Definitions

Occupational Injury: An injury that requires medical attention or results in death, loss of consciousness, temporary reassignment or transfer to another job is classified as an occupational injury.

Occupational Illness: An illness or disease that results from work at the mine and for which compensation is made.

Accidents: Incidents resulting in life-threatening injury, death, entrapment, inundation of gas or liquid, unplanned fires, explosions, unstable conditions, or roof collapses.

Incident Reporting: Mine operators must report each occupational injury or illness occurring at a mine within ten working days. Accidents must be reported within 15 minutes of the operator learning of the accident.

Indiana Mine Rescue

The Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mining Safety, located at Vincennes University, maintains a fully-equipped mine rescue station. This mine rescue station has all the required equipment to outfit two fully trained mine rescue teams. The State of Indiana has a trained rescue team that exceeds federal training requirements. These dedicated individuals are volunteers from Sunrise Coal, Peabody Midwest Mining, Gibson County Coal, and the Indiana Bureau of Mines. To ensure adequate protection and compliance with 30 CFR 49, trained mine rescue team personnel are also available from the three coal companies.

The 2021 Indiana Mine Rescue team is trained by Joby Johnson and assisted by Terry Phegley, mine rescue trainer of Sunrise Coal. The Indiana state's Mine Rescue teams competed in two mine rescue contests this year and the contests were held at Vincennes University Gibson Center in Fort Branch, Indiana. Exercising both physical and mental capacities, participation in these contests is very important provides an opportunity for the mine rescue team members to gain proficiency in the use of mine rescue equipment and apparatuses that are likely to be used during mine emergencies. It is the discipline to prepare that leads to success. Through the training and dedication of these individuals and all mine rescue and recovery operations, all are ready and prepared at a moment's notice. Mine rescue team members are a special breed because they are willing to risk their lives for those of their coal mining brothers and sisters who may need help.

2021 Indiana Mine Rescue Team Members

Sunrise Coal	Peabody Midwest Mining	Gibson County Coal	Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mining Safety
Chad Smith	Michael Shoemaker	Nathan Stevens	Brian Lett
Mike Hersel	Randall Owens		Kris Walters
Derek Smith			
Joby Johnson			