

Worker dies inspecting mine near Elko

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ELKO — Investigators believe heat exhaustion and high humidity led to the death of a miner at an Elko County gold mine.

Barrick Goldstrike spokesman Vince Borg said an 11-person crew was assessing an underground shaft at Barrick's Storm Project north of the Meikle Mine when two men collapsed Thursday.

Dale Spring, 49, a member of Barrick's mine rescue team, was pronounced dead shortly after the noon accident, authorities said.

Another miner, Clayton Milligan, 38, was taken to Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital in Elko and was listed in stable condition.

Authorities said the men apparently suffered heat exhaustion and were overcome by high humidity in the tunnel.

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Mine accident in Nevada claims 2nd life

ELKO (AP) — An inspection tour of an underground shaft near Barrick Goldstrike's Meikle Mine north of Carlin in which two men were overcome has taken its second life.

Barrick Gold Corp. spokesman Vince Borg said Clayton Milligan, 38, of Elko died late Wednesday in a Salt Lake City hospital.

Dale Spring, 49, a member of Barrick's mine rescue team, was pronounced dead at the scene after the Oct. 17 accident.

Milligan was taken to Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital in Elko, then to LDS Hospital, where he apparently suffered a fatal reaction while on dialysis last night.

Borg said the two were among 11 people assessing the shaft at the Storm Project north of the Meikle Mine when they collapsed.

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Federal safety regulators were investigating.

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