

May 10, 1892; Roslyn Mine, Roslyn, Wash.; 45 Killed

(From State mine inspector's report, 1892, pp. 13-15)

On Tuesday afternoon * * * a disastrous explosion killed forty-five men. Airways had to be repaired to be able to go down into lower levels. * * * by Wednesday morning a large force of men was at work, and by 10 o'clock Thursday night the last body was brought outside.

* * * a hole drilled in a crosscut being driven from the airway to the slope was drilled through. * * * gas entered the slope from an accumulation in the crosscut on the airway side and was ignited by the naked lamps of the men on the slope side.

The man working in the airway had a safety lamp; the others had naked lamps. * * * dust was an important factor in the explosion.