

Coal mine firm cited for violations

PRICE, Utah (AP) — After investigating a cave-in last week that killed four men and seriously injured a fifth, federal mine inspectors have cited the Plateau Mining Co. for two violations of roof control regulations.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration also or-

dered the portion of the Wattis, Utah, mine closed where the accident occurred until deficiencies could be corrected.

When asked how long the section might be closed, company officials declined comment.

Last Friday, a huge slab of rock fell on the men who were preparing timbers to be used to shore up the roof in another area. The spot where the accident occurred, the First North section of the Starpoint No. 1 mine, was supposedly safe.

"Two citations and one order were issued to Plateau Mining Corp. for violation of roof control regulations," MSHA officials said in a prepared statement. Local officials declined further comment, except to say a full report will be issued in six weeks from the agency's Arlington, Va., headquarters.

Ted Koffman, sub regional MSHA inspector in Price, said the citations issued against the mining company will give the firm time to correct the deficiencies.

The inspection was headed by Herschel Potter, chief of the division of safety for the MSHA. The investigation, slated for Tuesday, was conducted Wednesday in deference to funerals conducted for two of the dead miners.

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and depend upon it for the transport of grain and timber products.

"I believe the essential services should be retained throughout the Milwaukee system until Congress can consider long-range proposals to keep the railroad in operation," Church said. "Congress has acted in similar circumstances when eastern railroads have gone into bankruptcy."

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