

Missing inspector found in mine

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Rescue workers on Wednesday found a mine inspector unharmed but inexplicably stranded 600 feet underground more than a day after he entered the mine, an official of the Bird Coal Co. said.

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Missing miner finally found, is unhurt

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"He had a problem there, but we won't know until we talk to him," acting mine superintendent Bob Rusosky said. "He insisted that he was okay, but we sent him to the hospital anyway."

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