

Miner saved

OCOTILLO WELLS, Calif. (AP) — The engineer of an underground mine train was rescued Tuesday after being trapped more than seven hours inside his locomotive by 200 tons of gypsum ore that caved in around it.

Leroy Witherspoon was conscious when he was rescued from the U.S. Gypsum Co.

mine, said Lt. James Burns of the Imperial County sheriff's department.

Witherspoon, 34, of El Centro, suffered fractures in his left arm and right leg, and was being checked for other injuries.

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