



Problems Instructors Face

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Unique Task Training and Job Assignments

Accident Scene, Mine Property



View of accident scene →



← Closeup of the boom



Conclusions of Investigation

- ◆ Mine operator had not provided newly employed, experienced miner training or task training
- ◆ Contractor had not provided newly employed, experienced miner training or task training (Overlapping citations issued)
- ◆ Newly employed, experienced miner training document (5000-23) indicated that training had been provided by an uncertified instructor
- ◆ Proper equipment blocking techniques were not used
- ◆ Coal truck driver was performing duties of a crane mechanic and was obviously inexperienced at task being performed



Holding the Interest of Trainees





- ◆ Use new materials
- ◆ Involvement of trainees (Hands-on)
- ◆ Training link is being broken between training room and job site
 - Repetitive accidents
 - Reluctance to change bad habits?
 - Short cuts?
 - Lack of enforcement by supervisor?
 - Improper training/lack of training?
 - Push for production?
 - Fatigue—Long hours?
 - Drugs?



Impoundment Inspections









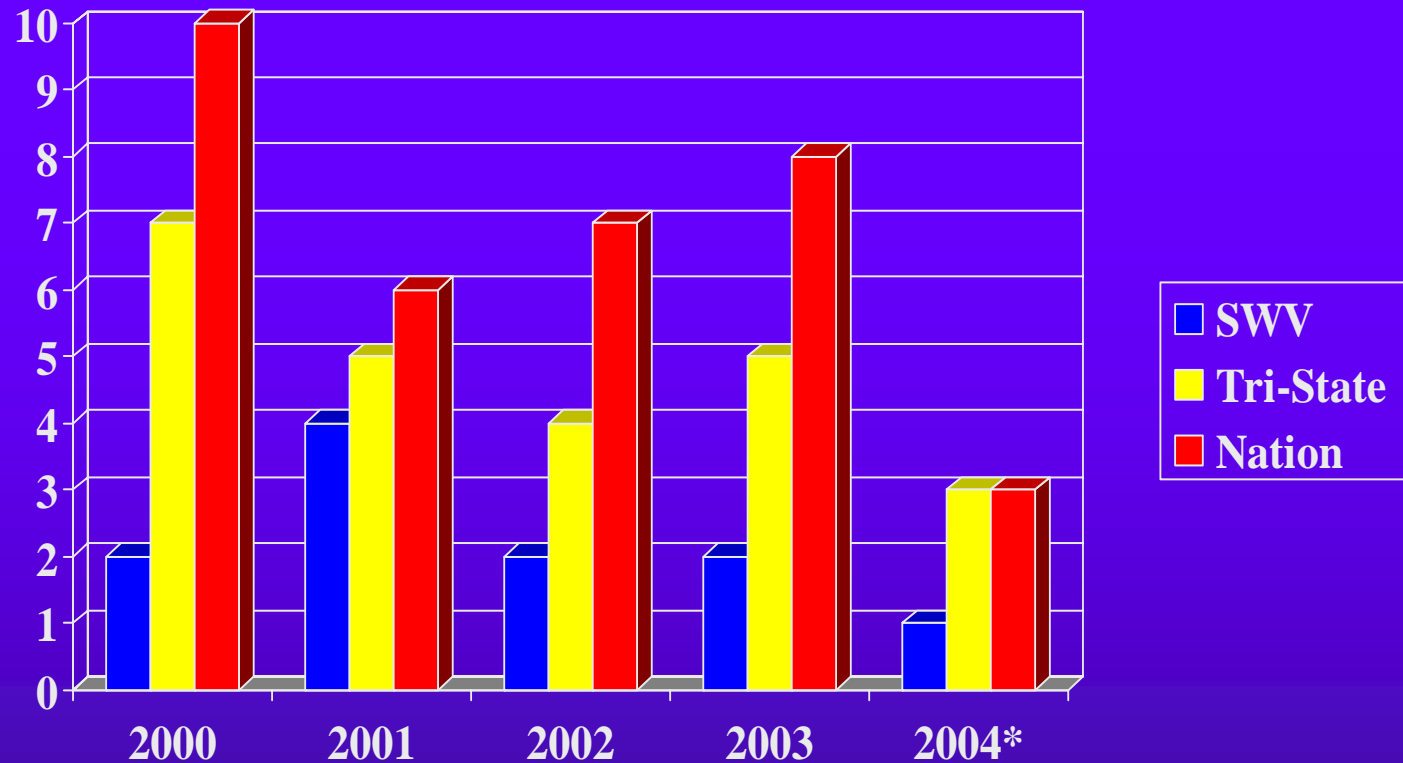








Contractor Fatalities



34 or 21.4% of the 159 coal fatalities were contractor fatalities

- 24 or 70.5% of the contractor fatalities occurred in the Tri-State area
- 11 or 32.3% of the contractor fatalities occurred in SWV