

## Peabody's North Antelope Rochelle Mine Honored as Wyoming's Safest Mine

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Peabody Energy's North Antelope Rochelle Mine (NARM) has earned the "Safe Sam" Award as the safest Wyoming surface mine in 2006 from the Wyoming State Mine Inspector and Wyoming Mining Association. Employees were honored for achieving 1.7 million hours without a lost time accident. NARM employees earned this distinction three of the past four years, and have gone over two years and 3 million hours without a lost time accident.

North Antelope Rochelle employees also earned the Wyoming State Inspector Award for safety based on the same criteria. NARM is also one of the nation's most productive mines.

"Safety is a core Peabody value and central to our mission," said Kemal Williamson, Group Vice President for Peabody's Western Operations. "We are proud to recognize our employees for consistently achieving leading results that strive toward our ultimate vision of zero incidents of any kind."

North Antelope Rochelle employees accepted the Safe Sam award at the 52nd Wyoming Mining Association convention in Sheridan, Wyo. Earlier this year NARM employees earned the Wyoming Governor's Safety Award for having the best safety program in the "large mine" category, honors employees have earned the past two years.

Peabody achieved the two safest years in its history in 2005 and 2006, and the company has improved safety performance 37 percent in the past three years. A record nine U.S. and Australian mines completed 2006 with zero reportable accidents.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2006 sales of 248 million tons of coal and \$5.3 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel approximately 10 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and more than 2 percent of worldwide electricity.

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