

## **Peabody Energy's Bear Run Mine Achieves More Than One Million Work Hours Without a Reportable Injury**

ST. LOUIS, June 3 – Employees at Peabody Energy's Bear Run Mine have reached a safety milestone by achieving more than 1 million operating hours without a reportable or lost-time injury. The mine's year-to-date 0.0 incidence rate compares to a 3.17 incidence rate per 200,000 hours worked among U.S. mines, based on the latest data.

"I'm proud of the Bear Run team for their tremendous industry leadership in safety," said Peabody President – Americas Kemal Williamson. "Safety is a core value, part of our mission and a way of life for all of us at Peabody."

The Bear Run Mine in Sullivan County, Ind., is the largest surface mine in the Eastern United States and shipped 7.7 million tons of coal in 2012. The mine serves industrial facilities and customers that provide power for millions of residents in Northern, Central and Southern Indiana, as well as electric co-ops and utilities far beyond the region.

As a major employer and economic driver, the Bear Run operation annually injects more than \$242 million in direct benefits to the region.

This past year was the safest in Peabody Energy's history. The company delivered a 1.82 safety rate per 200,000 hours worked, a 9 percent improvement from 2011 levels. Through first quarter, seven Peabody operations in the Americas platform operated without a reportable incident.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company and a global leader in sustainable mining and clean coal solutions. The company serves metallurgical and thermal coal customers in more than 25 countries on six continents. For further information, go to [PeabodyEnergy.com](http://PeabodyEnergy.com) and [CoalCanDoThat.com](http://CoalCanDoThat.com).

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