

Peabody Energy's Rawhide Mine Earns Safety Honors From the Wyoming Mining Association and State Inspector of Mines

ST. LOUIS, June 26 – Peabody Energy's Rawhide Mine has earned the Small Surface Operation Safety Award from the Wyoming Mining Association and the Wyoming State Inspector of Mines for the best 2012 safety performance among operations of comparable size. The award marks the second consecutive year Rawhide has received the honor.

The Wyoming Mining Association annually recognizes mines that have worked at least 10,000 hours and have the lowest lost-time incident frequency rates. Rawhide Mine employees logged more than 442,000 hours without a lost-time incident and shipped 14.7 million tons of coal this past year.

"This award is a tribute to the more than 200 Rawhide employees who collaborate daily to maintain a safe culture emphasizing teamwork and best practices," said Peabody Energy – Americas President Kemal Williamson. "I'm proud of Rawhide employees for consistently setting a standard of leadership in safety."

Safety is a core value and part of Peabody's mission. Every employee commits to the company's safety vision, and employees at all levels are held responsible for safe behavior.

Rawhide is consistently recognized for safety excellence. It is a recipient of the Peabody President's Safety Award for delivering the best safety performance among the company's surface mines. Rawhide also achieved a safety milestone by working more than 640 consecutive days without a reportable incident from July 2010 to April 2012.

The Wyoming Mining Association represents 42 mining company members producing bentonite, coal, trona and uranium, as well as companies exploring for gold and rare earth minerals. WMA also represents over 120 associate member companies, two railroads and 180 individual members.

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 and CoalCanDoThat.com.

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