

Slideshow: The Upper Big Branch Mine Disaster

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On April 5, 2010, a massive explosion ripped through the Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, West Virginia, killing 29 miners and injuring two others. The mine, operated by Massey Energy, had been cited for hundreds of safety violations in the past year. The *World Socialist Web Site* sent a reporting team to the area, which spoke to dozens of workers. The following photos are by WSWS writer Andre Damon.



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