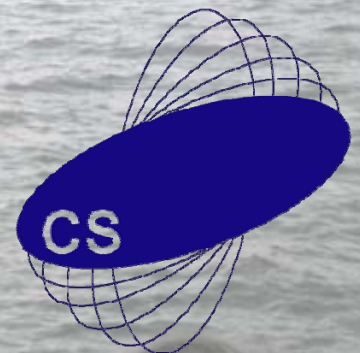


# 2nd International Mines Rescue Conference

5th - 11th November 2005

Manly Pacific Hotel

Sydney  
Australia



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# Looking Back

What Took Place &  
What Was Learnt

**Delegates  
began to fly  
in from  
everywhere  
to the  
Manly  
Resort in  
Sydney.**

**80 from overseas  
70 from Australia  
32 partners**



**Day 1**



**Once registration was completed there were a few days to get over the jet lag**



**Day 2**



**Sun protection was important !**

# Started to Explore Sydney Harbour





# **IMRB Committee Meeting**

**Day 3**

# New Members

- New Zealand Mines Rescue
- Queensland Mines Rescue –  
Australia

# Current Member Countries

Poland

Australia

USA

Czech Republic

Ukraine

Germany

Canada

South Africa

United Kingdom

India

Romania

Slovakia

China

New Zealand

A total of 14 countries

# Future Conference Hosts

2007 USA

2009 Czech Republic

2011 China

2013 Canada

# Web Site

Approved to develop an IMRB web site.

Concept is to have general information on what is coming up for the IMRB and information on current mines rescue activities.

Canada has offered to progress the project.

**There was just enough time left in the day to do the bridge climb before dinner**





# **Mine (U/G & O/C) and Rescue Station Visits**

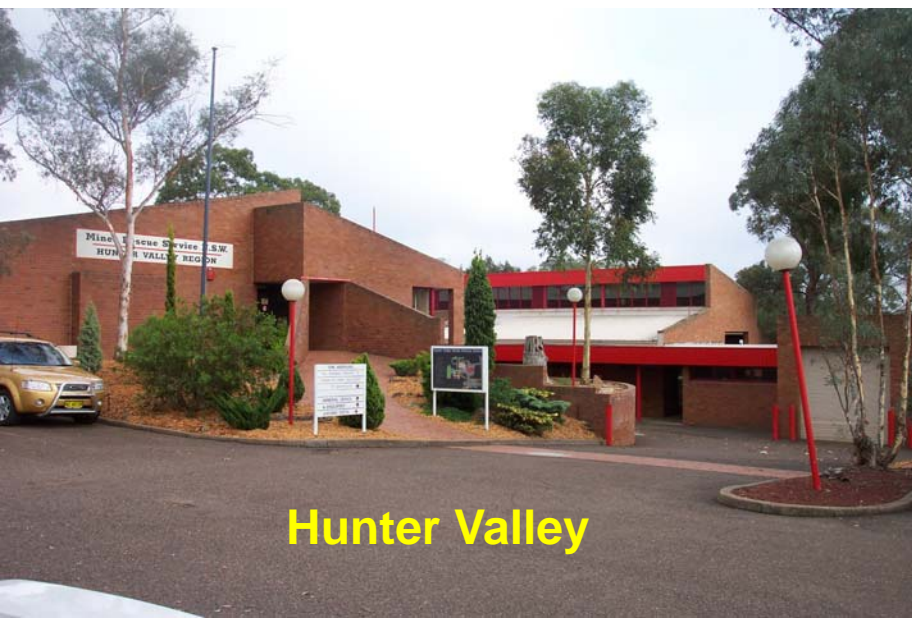
**Day 4**



Newcastle



Wollongong



Hunter Valley



Lithgow





**Introduced to CABA Self Escape and In-seam Response Systems**

# Given the opportunity to try the CABA Self Escape system in the U/G simulator






# **2<sup>nd</sup> IMRB Conference Officially Opened**

**Days 5, 6 & 7**



A total of eight Sessions was conducted over the three days :-

1. Australasia
2. Africa
3. Asia
4. North America
5. Western Europe
6. Eastern Europe
7. Heat & Humidity
8. General Research & Development

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In each Session delegates  
gave a Summary of their  
Mines Rescue Systems,  
Structures and Equipment

# UK Mines Rescue Stations



**KGHM POLSKA MIEDŹ S.A.**

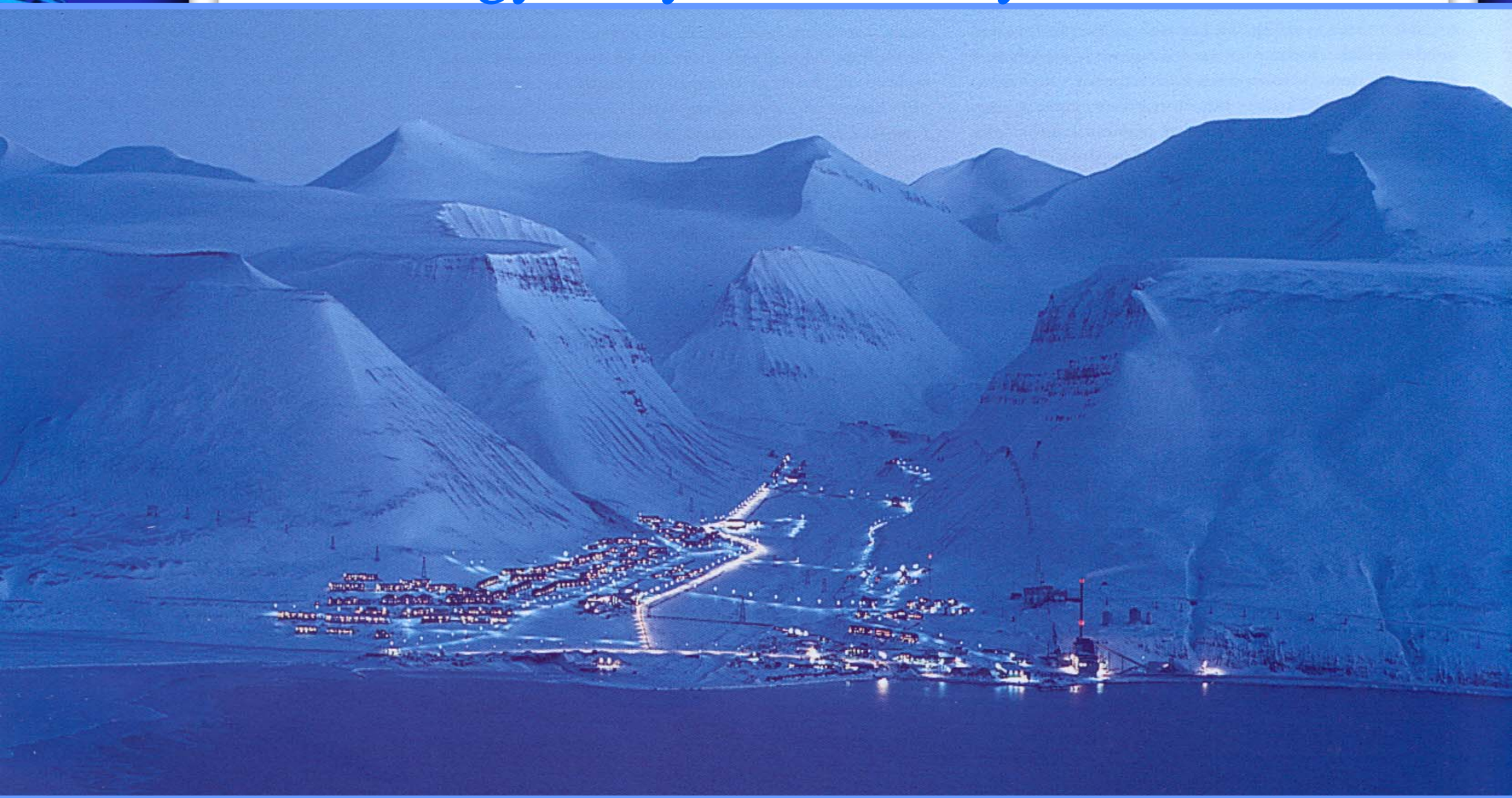


**Oddział**

**Jednostka Ratownictwa  
Górnictwo Hutniczego  
w Lubinie**

**Mine and Smelter Rescue Company**

# Longyearbyen - Norway



1900 citizens and

**5 PUBS**

3 kilometres to airport - one flight to mainland Norway a day



# Ontario Mine Rescue

# STATE MINE RESCUE SERVICE IN COAL MINING INDUSTRY OF UKRAINE



The elements of mine-rescuers training



# Czech Republic



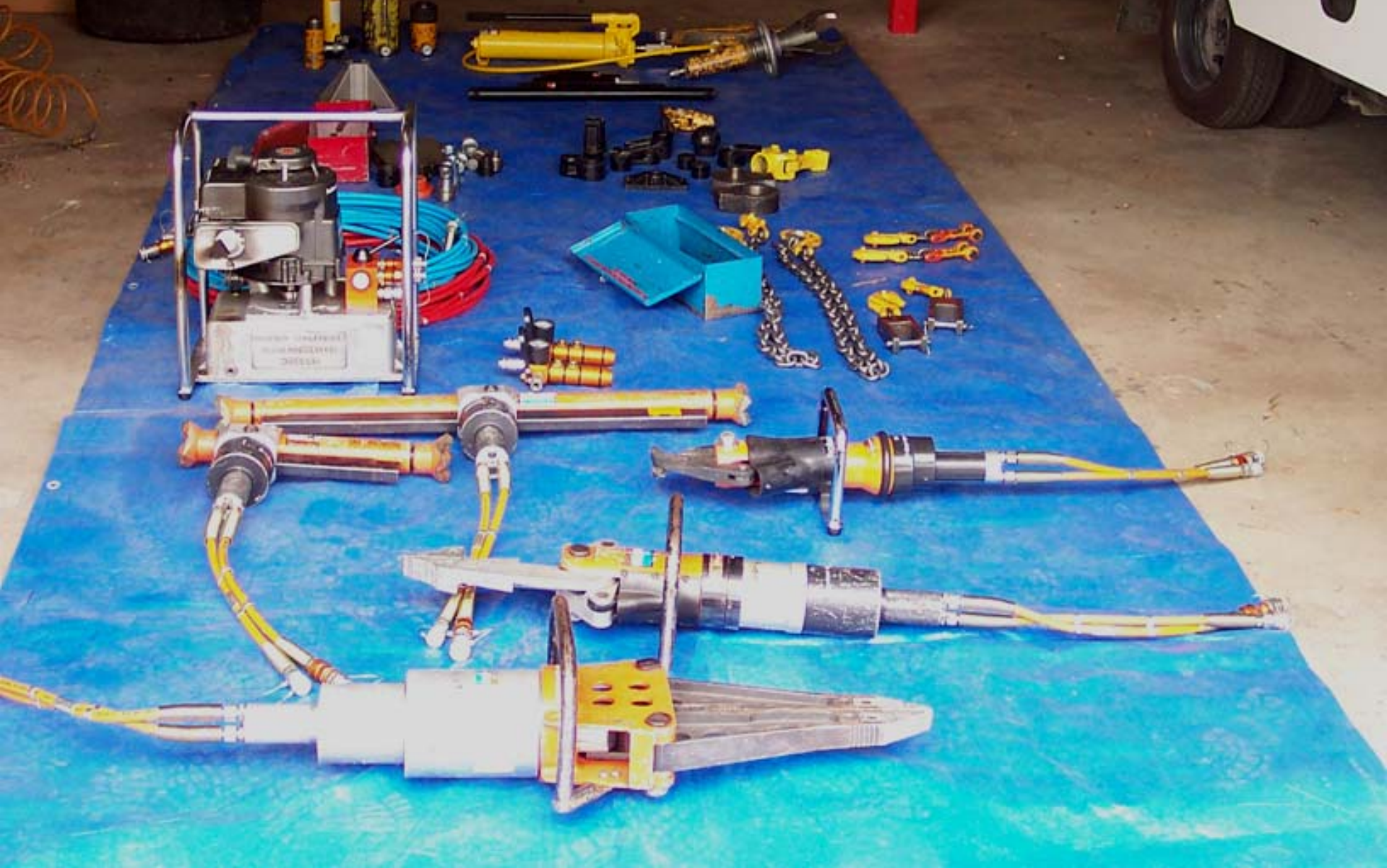
MEASURING OF THE CONCENTRATION OF GASES FROM  
A DAM PIPE – LINE WITH SCBA BG4



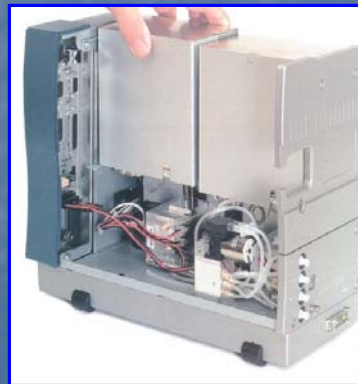
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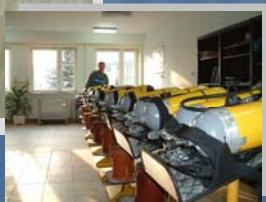
China	= 14,328 rescue brigadesmen
Ukraine	= 4,700 permanent rescue men
Czech	= 1,331 rescue men + 210 other
Sth Africa	= 773 brigadesmen
UK	= 97 full time + 210 part time
Australia	= 40 full time + 600 part time

# Specialised Equipment & Methods



# CMTS Mobile Laboratory





# MINES RESCUERS – DIVERS



DIVING ACTION IN THE OLD FLOODED SHAFT CAN BE  
COMBINED WITH THE CLIMBING ACTION




# Summary of Structures

China, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovakia are based on a military structure with full time personnel.

South Africa, Germany, Canada and India are mine (company) based with a central full time training group.

UK, New Zealand and Australia have a central private company of full time personnel servicing a group of mines from multiple companies.



**Each Session included  
Case Studies  
of actual events.**

# Spontaneous Combustion & Inertisation



# Various Inertisation Methods

## Vaporiser Units



# Diesel Boiler



29/05/2002

# Membrane Technology



**GAG Used 27-29 Dec 04**



**27/12/2003**



**30 July 2005**  
**Fire in Svea Nord**

# Rescue Cage Used on Ore Pass



# Rescue Cage



# China

April 16

6:30 am - MET the people trapped for 5 days, ie 109 hours.

7:20 am - 12 people were all

**RESCUED**

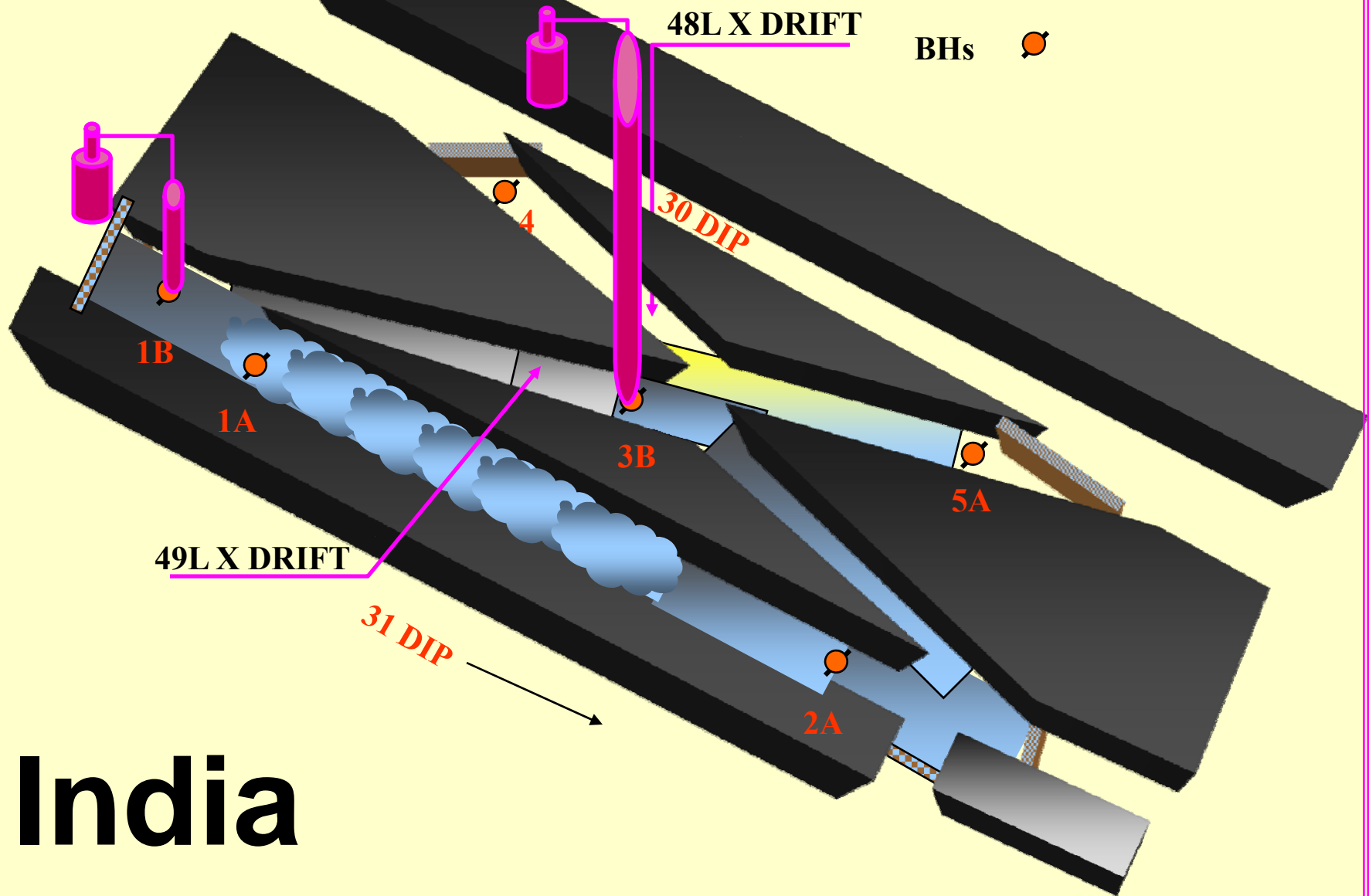
9:30 am - all the 12 miners were lifted to the surface

**CHEER FOR THE VICTORY**



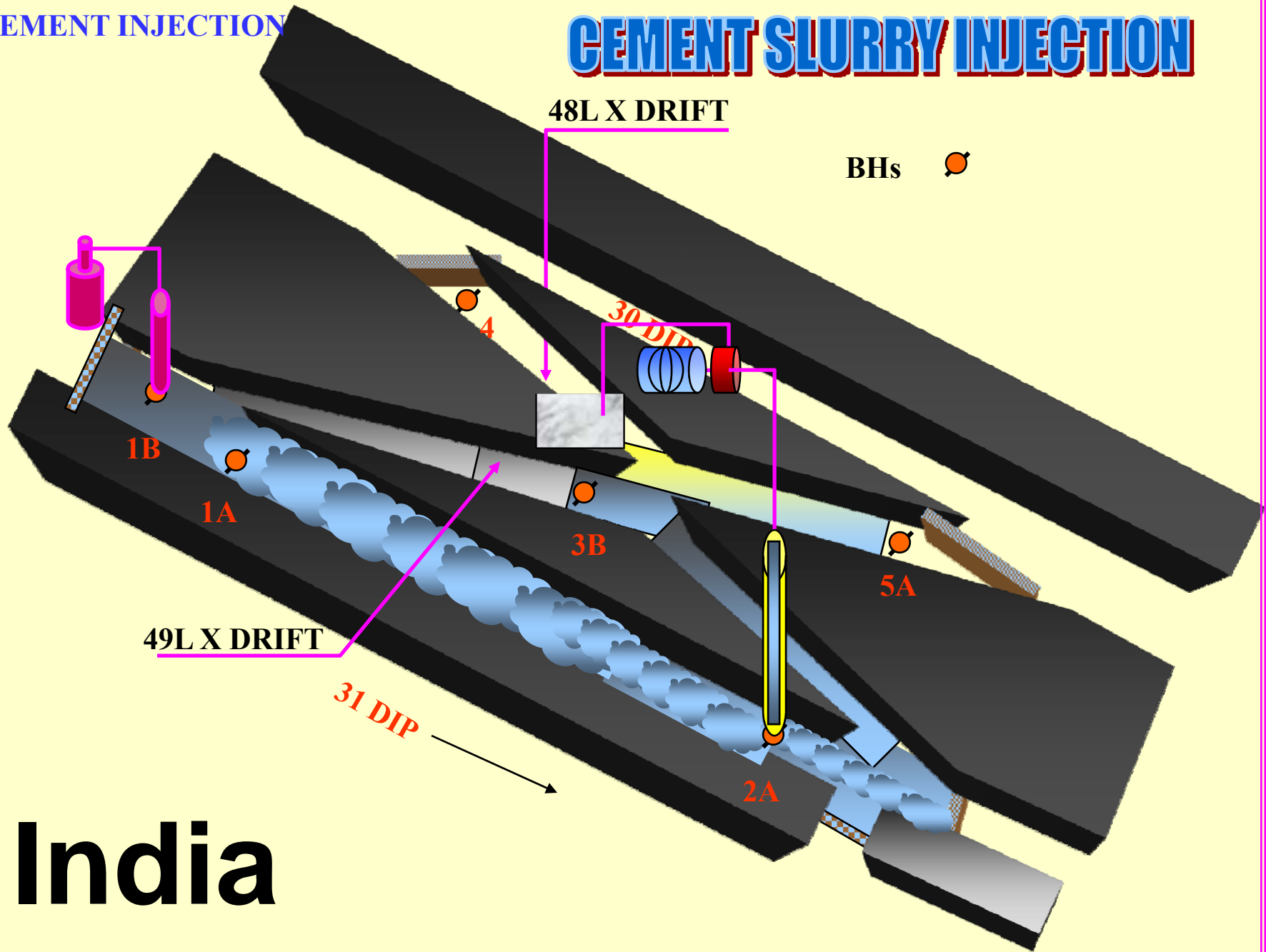
CEMENT INJECTION

# CO2 GAS FILLING THROUGH BH No 3B



CEMENT INJECTION

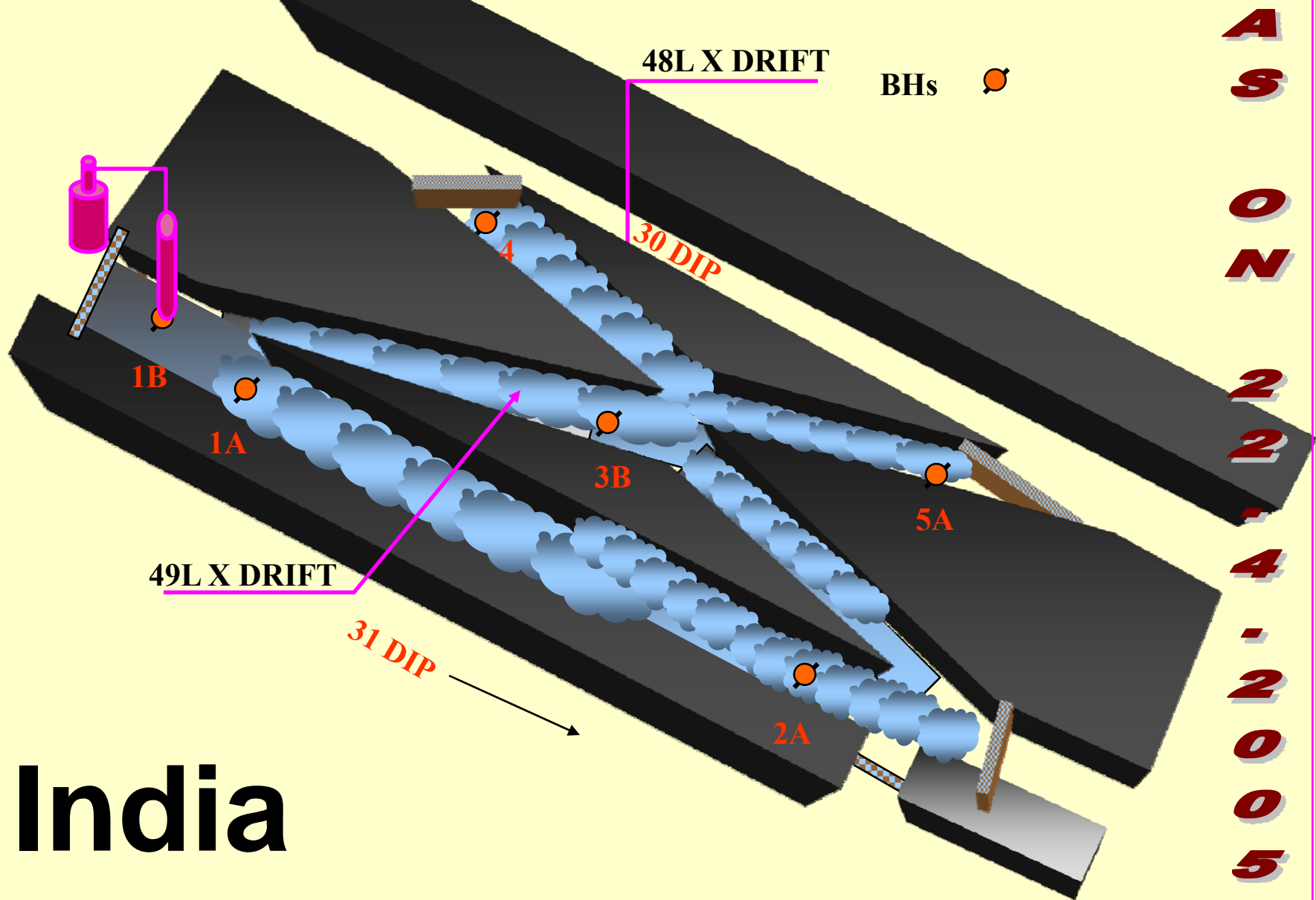
# CEMENT SLURRY INJECTION



India

CEMENT INJECTION

# FIRE AREA FILLED WITH CEMENT SLURRY



India

# CALL-OUT – MANSFIELD - UK

Inrush of  
Gas & Oil

Three (3)  
men  
missing.



# Fires



# Rock Burst & Roof Fall Events



# Storm Decline Disaster





# Common Mines Rescue Issues

Heat & Humidity

Communications

Aging Workforces

Decision Making in Emergencies

# Common Mines Rescue Issues

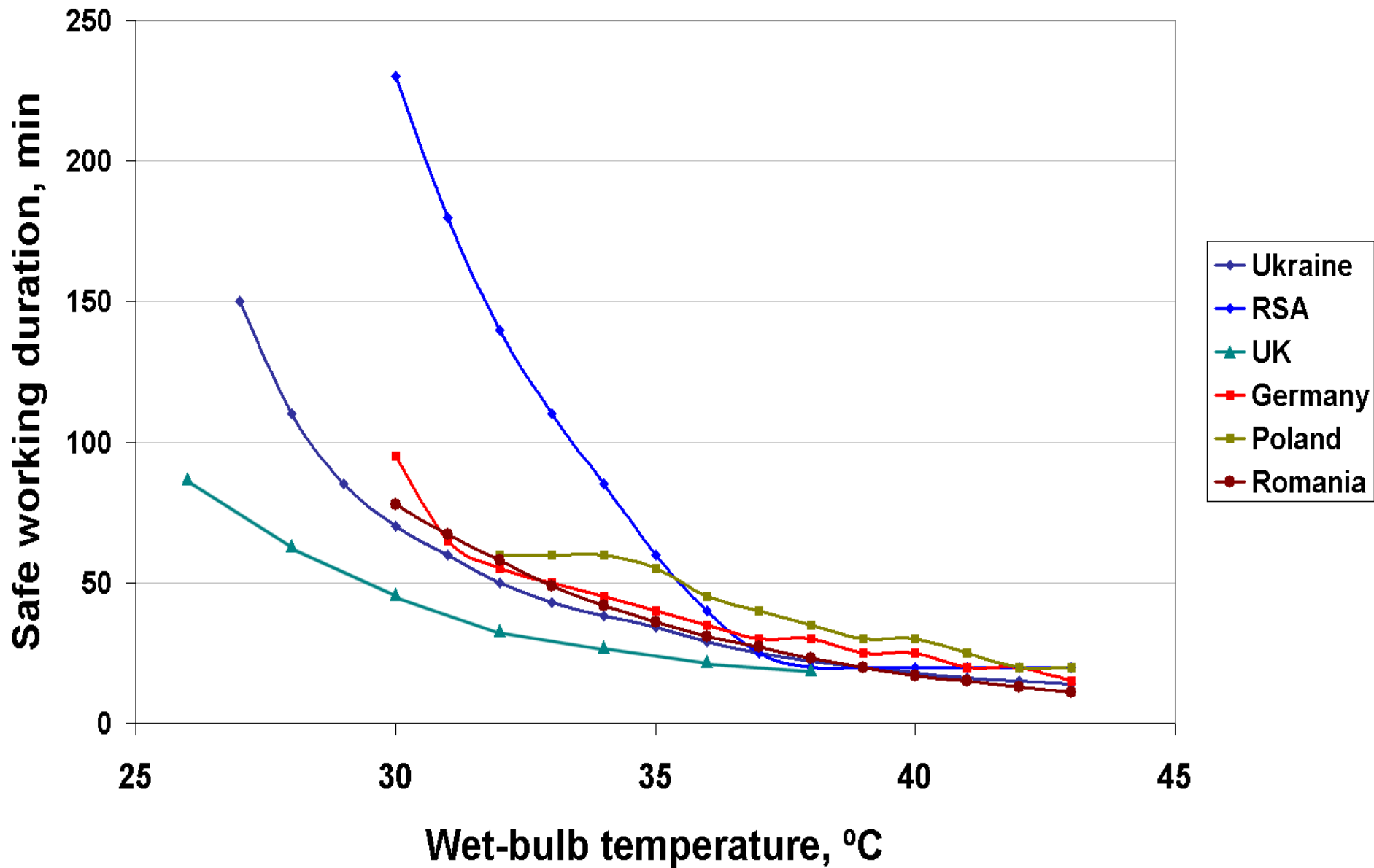
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# Comparison of National Rescue Heat Codes



# Measuring Heat Strain

CorTemp swallowable  
heat sensor pills



Recorder, Alarm and  
Heart Rate Chest Strap

# Results

**Apparatus Type  
(with & without  
cooling)**

**No Reduction in  
Core  
Temperature**



# Results

## Hydration Supplied Masks

Significant  
Reductions in Core  
Temperature



# International Mines Rescue Body - Heat & Humidity Questions

Range: **Lowest** **Highest**

	Aust	NZ	USA	Canada	SA	UK	Germany	Romania	Poland	India	Norway	China	Ukraine	Czech
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**Q1. What year did your Rescue Service commence ?**

Answers:	1925	1930	1911	1929	1924	1902	1907	1920	1924	1923	1916	1949	1902	1897
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**Q2. What Is the maximum time that a Mines Rescue team can go active with the BG4 or BioMarine unit (in hours)**

Answers:	3	2	3.5	2	4	2	2	2	2	1.5	3			4
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**Q3. At what temperature do you start to reduce Mines Rescue teams active time - hot and humid atmosphere (° C)?**

Answers:	26	26	27			24	24	25	28	28	na			26
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**Q4. Do you use external cooling devices like "Ice Jackets" etc ?**

Answers:	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	n	y	n	n			y
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**Q5. What is the maximum temperature that Mines Rescue teams can operate in (° C - assume 100% humidity) ?**

Answers:	45	?	44		45	44	55	45	?	41	50			na
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Norway had a different challenge -  
Keeping Warm !



and keeping safe from the Polar bears!



# **Other Research & Development Topics**



**Robot approaching the decline with testing equipment.**



# Applying Virtual Reality to Ontario Mine Rescue Operations

**Alex Gryska**  
Ontario Mine Rescue Manager  
Mines and Aggregates Safety and  
Health Association



Mines and Aggregates  
Safety and Health  
Association



Laurentian University  
Université Laurentienne



**Mirarco**  
MINING INNOVATION



# Open Session

Main Gate  
Roof Fall

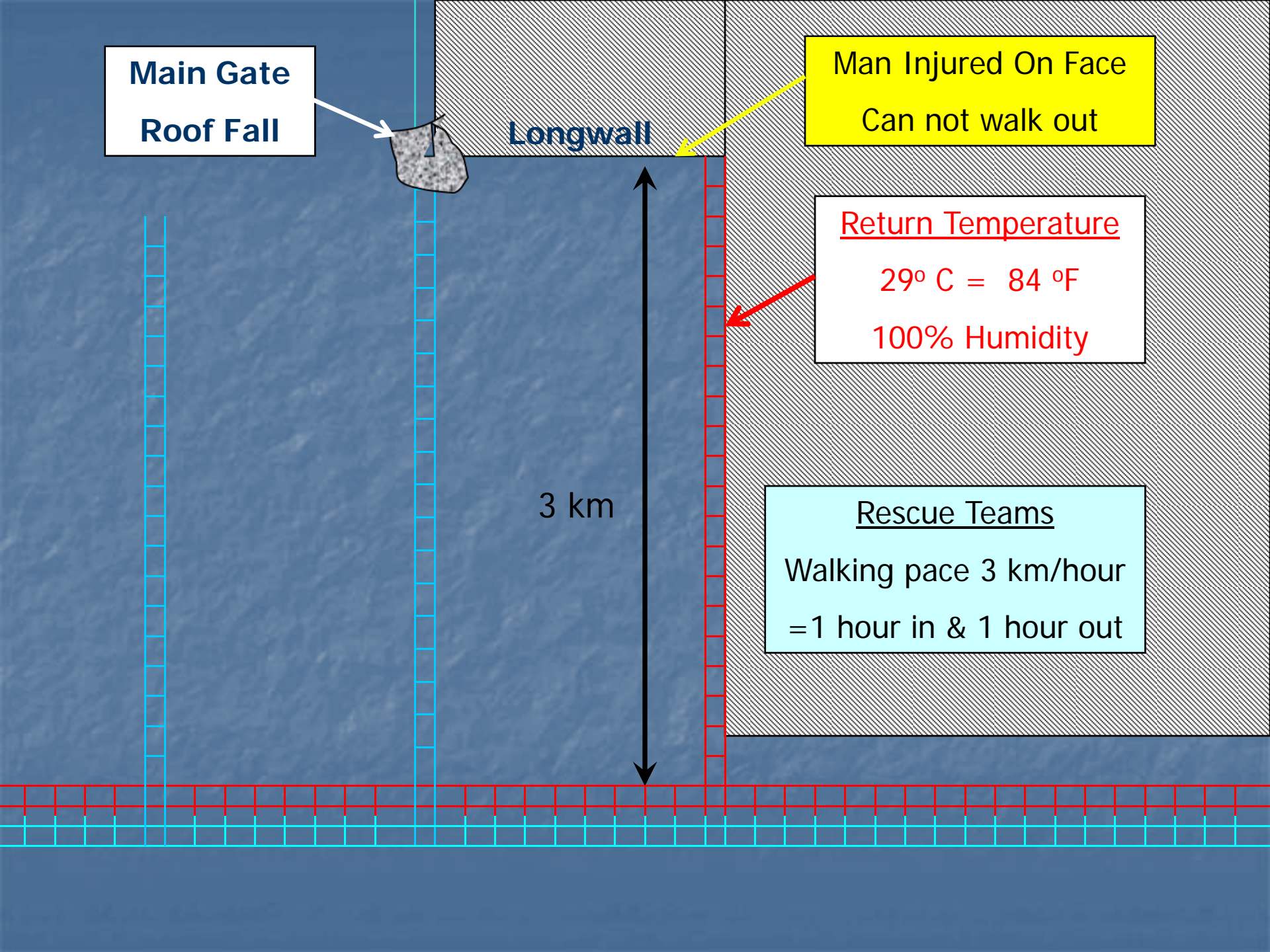
Longwall

Man Injured On Face  
Can not walk out

Return Temperature  
29° C = 84 °F  
100% Humidity

3 km

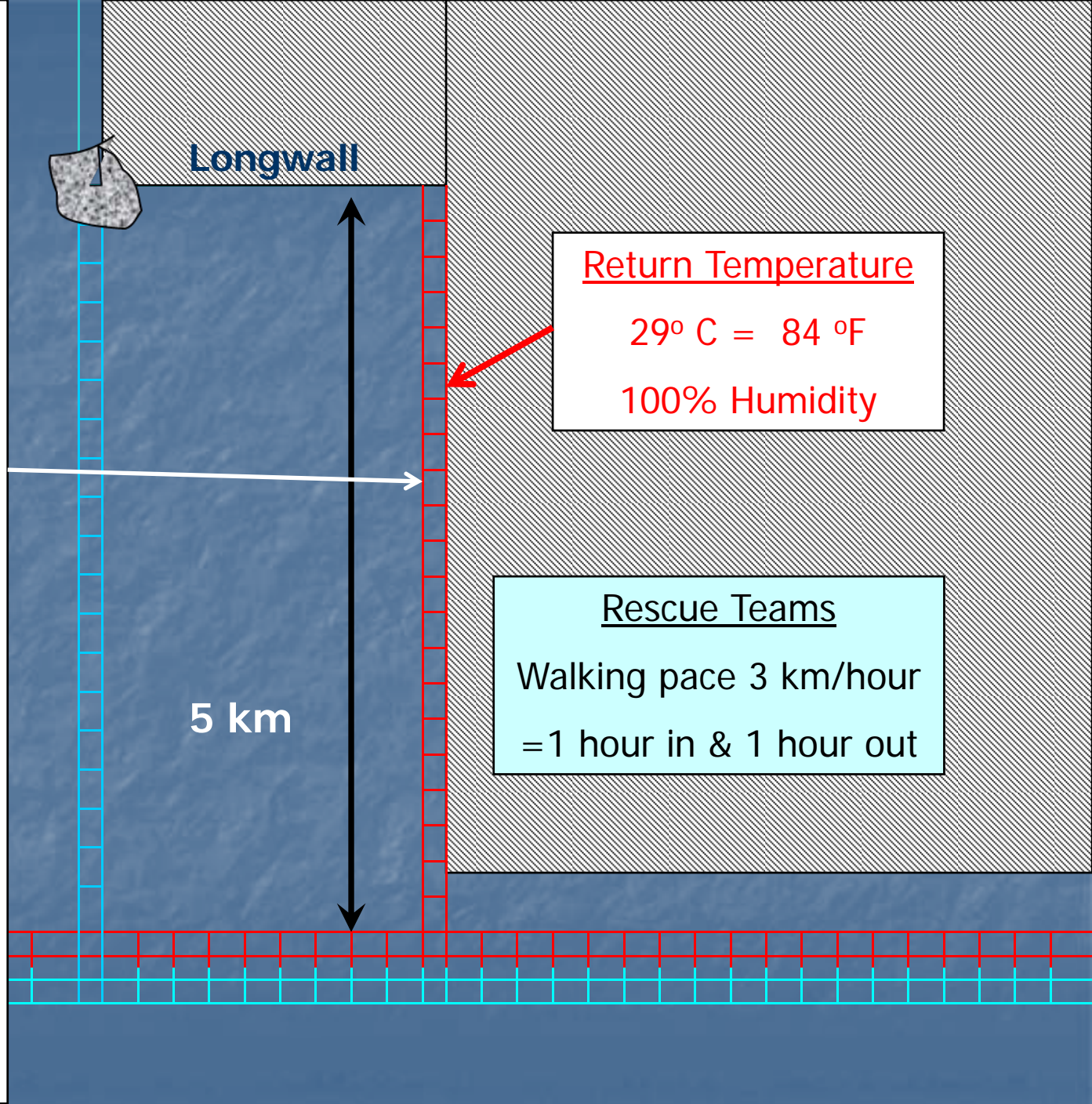
Rescue Teams  
Walking pace 3 km/hour  
= 1 hour in & 1 hour out



Transport can get into the return but there is methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) present.

At what methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) level do you not enter ?

- 1%
- 2%
- 3%
- 4%
- 5%
- 6%
- 7%
- 8%
- 9%
- 10%



Longwall

Return Temperature

29° C = 84 °F

100% Humidity

Rescue Teams

Walking pace 3 km/hour  
= 1 hour in & 1 hour out

5 km



# Looking Forward

How To Get the Best  
From These Conferences

**From the papers determine what topics and with whom you wish to talk.**

**Use the breaks and evening functions to get details or a greater insight of what other organisations are doing.**

**Get contact details - business cards.**

**Don't be defensive of your own mines rescue systems.**

**AND**

**Talk slowly**





**Sydney is now a memory so lets continue to learn at Nashville**