

Modern Coal Mining Methods and the Crandall Canyon Disaster

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Some things have changed...



...and some things haven't.



Underground Coal Mining: The Challenges

- Access
- Ventilation
- Drainage
- Ground Control
- Gas Control



Access

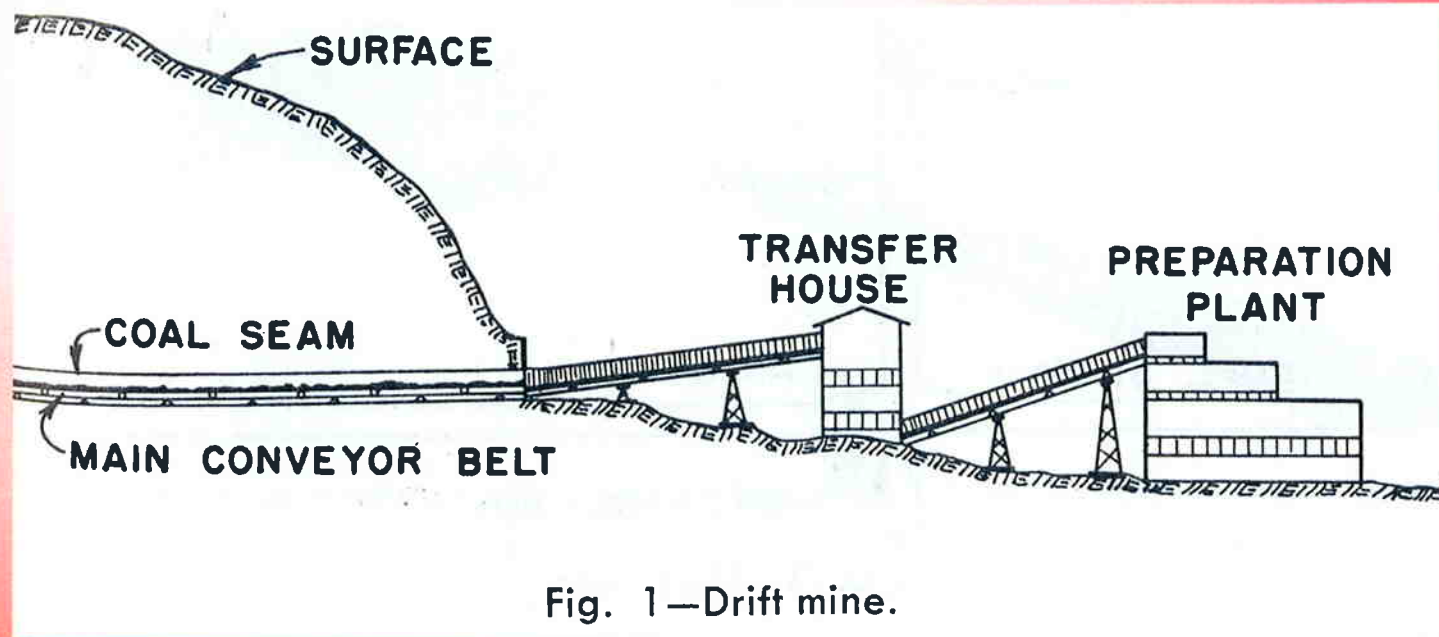


Fig. 1—Drift mine.



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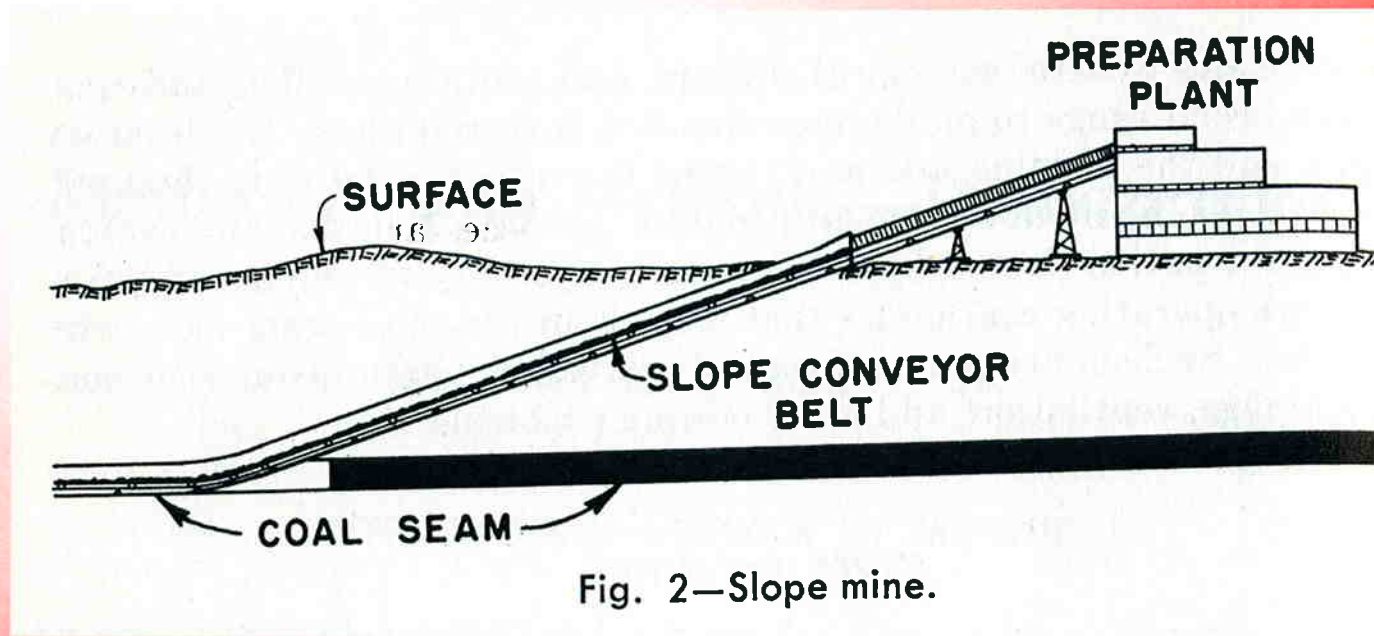


Fig. 2—Slope mine.



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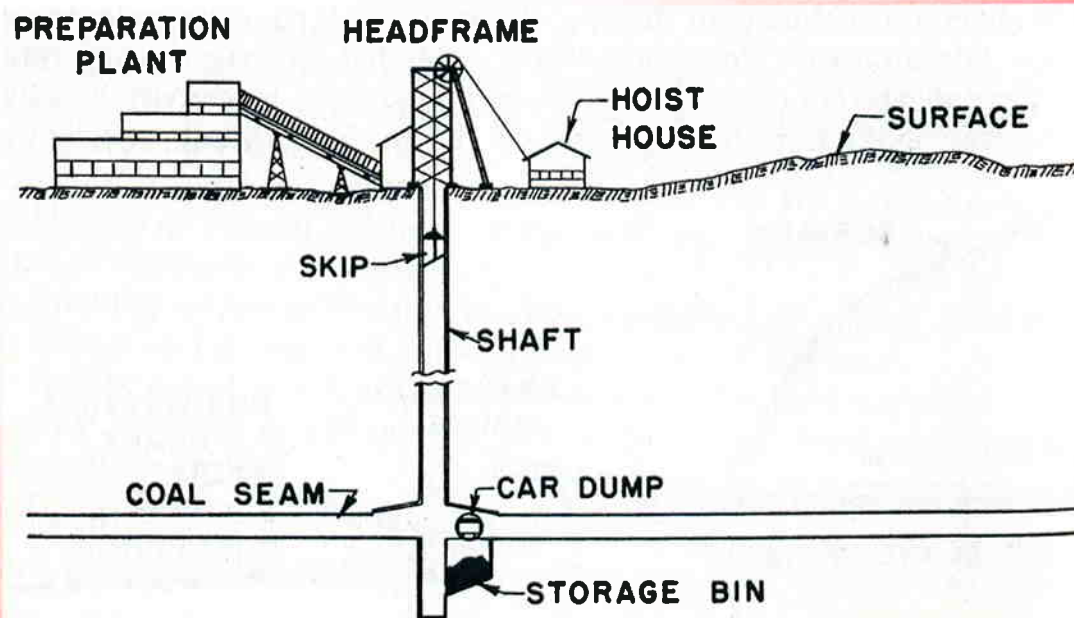


Fig. 3—Shaft mine.

