

2026 Post 7 Day 1 Statement

Hello and thank you for responding to our call for help. You are located underground at the Tara mine outside Atlanta Georgia.

“Rescue crews, tonight you descend into Tara with courage as your shield and duty as your guide. Miners—our brothers and sisters of the earth—are missing, taken by silence in the midst of their toil, and now the burden of their return rests upon your shoulders.

At 10:00 p.m., Scarlett O’Hara, serving as section foreman, led her crew into Tara to oversee the night’s production. Beside her was Rhett Butler, the bold roof bolter, securing the roof to hold the earth above. Ashley Wilkes, steady and sure, drove his shuttle car from face to belt, carrying the lifeblood of the mine. Melanie Hamilton, devoted as ever, tended the belts to keep coal moving strong and steady.

At 11:15 p.m., the crew was last heard from, reporting the shifts exams. Shortly after midnight, tremors shook the seam, followed by silence—contact lost, as though the mine itself had swallowed them whole. By 12:30 a.m., when they should have reported again, there was only stillness on the line.

The main mine fan above ground is on and blowing, driving fresh air down into the workings below. Yet even with air coursing through the mine to the fresh air base, the true state of the mine remains uncertain. Engineers cannot yet say which entries are clear, which are blocked, nor how far the forces of collapse or fire have reached. The map of the mine tonight is no longer drawn in ink, but in dust, ruin, and unknowns.

From this fresh air base, you will push forward, tracing their steps into the black. The way will not be easy—bad air conditions, fires, unstable roof conditions and choking dust may rise before you. Yet know this: though the depths conspire to hold them, the spirit of man is not so easily broken. You carry not just your equipment but the hopes of every waiting heart above, praying for their return.

Stand strong, for tomorrow is another day—and with your courage, tomorrow may dawn with our brothers and sisters safe again.”

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Written Instructions

- Explore all areas of the mine that can be safely examined.
- Locate all missing miners and bring survivors to the fresh air base.
- The mine maps are not up to date.
- The main mine fan is operating in the blowing mode. Air intakes in the #2 entry and returns down the #1 and #3 entries. The fan cannot be stopped, stalled, or reversed.
- Report the team members name with the lowest oxygen gauge reading after the completion of each team check to the briefing officer.
- You have 80 minutes to complete your work.

Tally Ho!

Problem



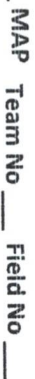
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Team Map

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Team Stops



Gas Extents



Vent 1



Vent 2

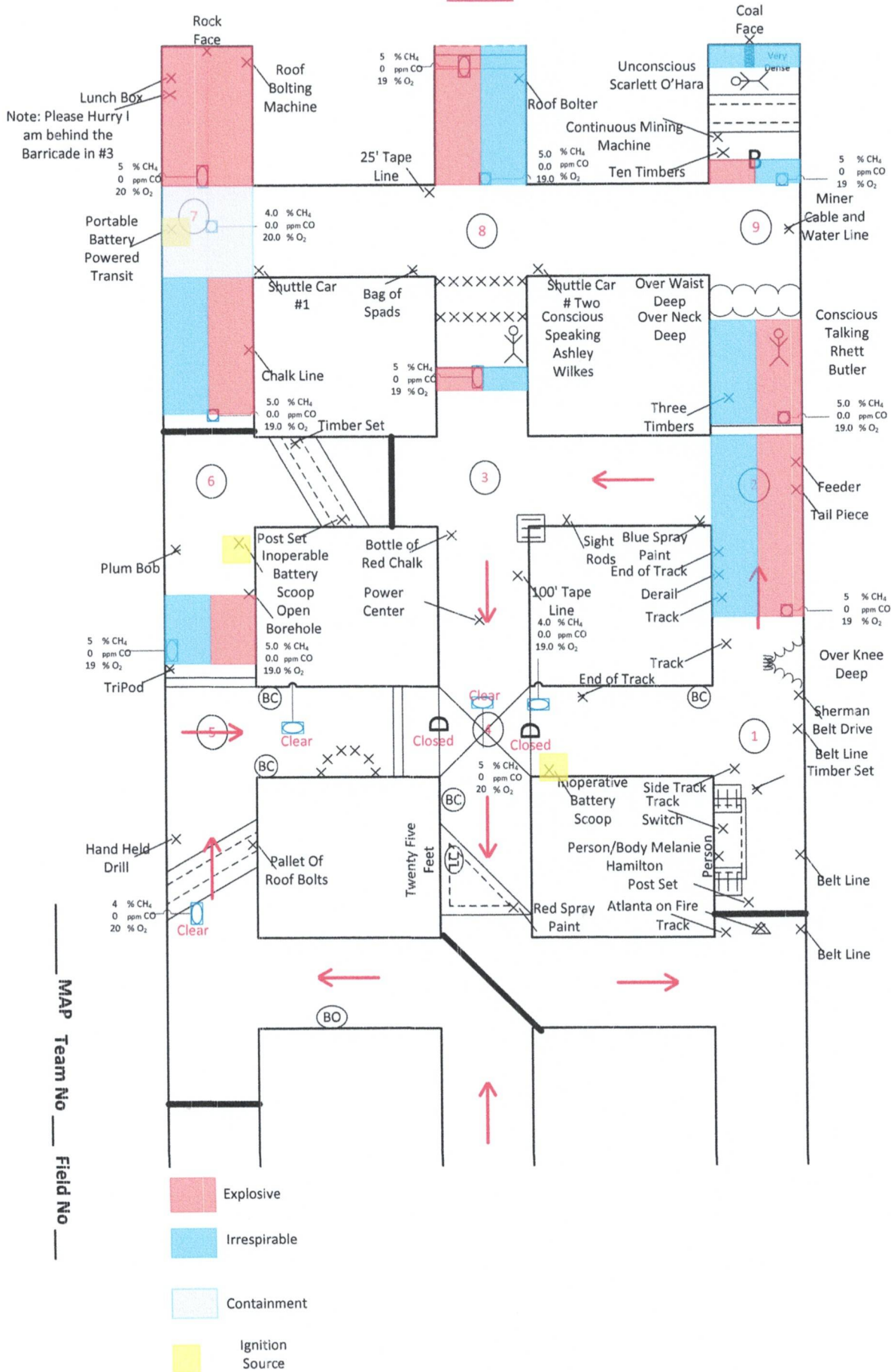


Vent 3



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Vent 4

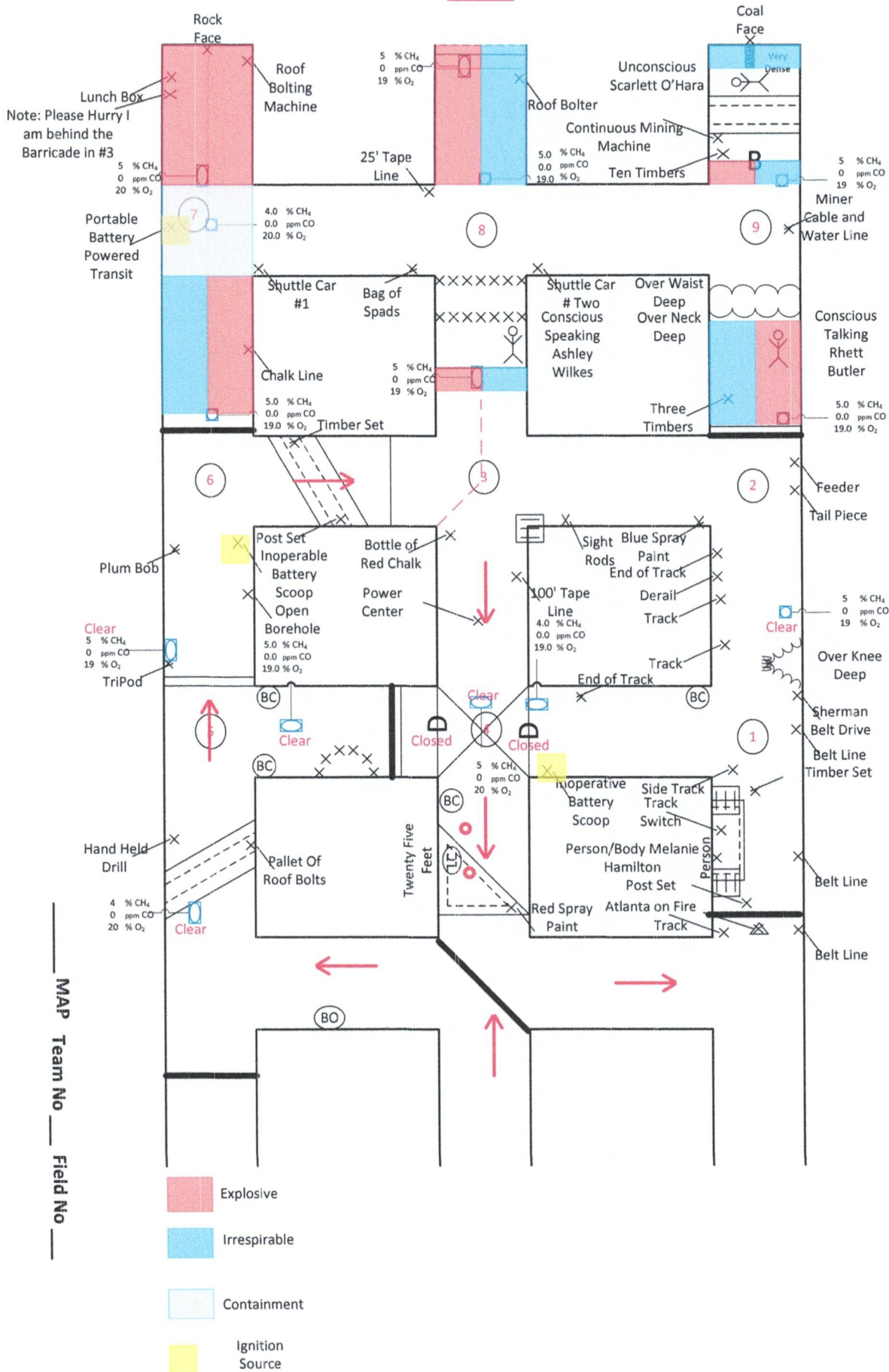


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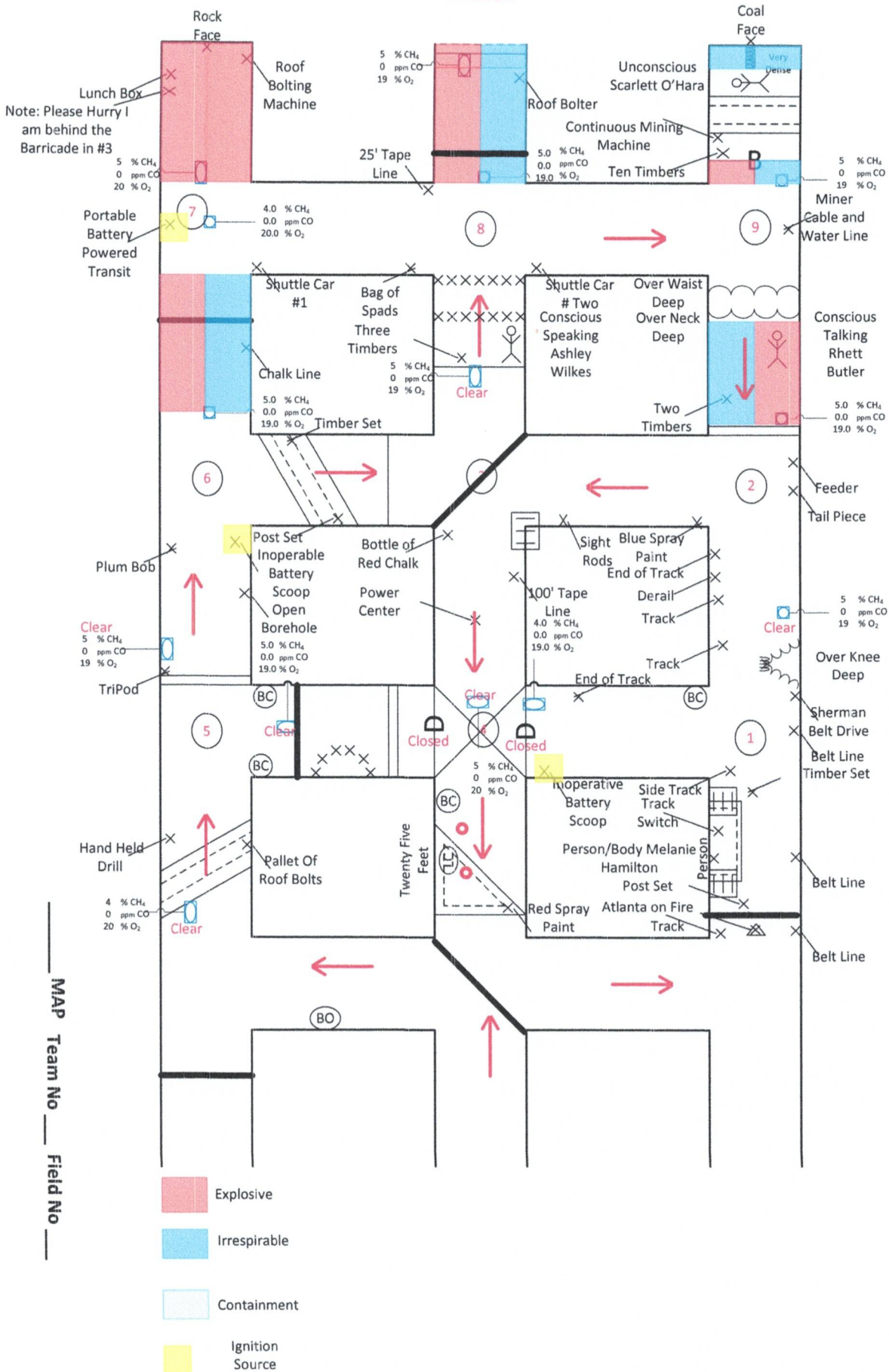
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Vent 6



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Vent 7



Vent 8

