

2026 Post 7 Day 2 Statement

Hello and thank you for responding to our call for help. You are located at the Fresh Air Base of the Upside Down Mine in Hawkins Indiana. A previous team explored to this location and the areas made by the previous team will be located on the maps given to your team.

At 10:00 p.m., the crew members, led by Chief Jim Hopper, traveled into the Upside Down to perform scheduled maintenance and production duties. Each member had been assigned to specific work areas across different areas of the mine.

Mike Wheeler, the roof bolter, was last reported entering 3, tightening supports where drafts were reported to whistle through cracks in the rock. His voice over the radio confirmed that the ceiling above him “didn’t feel right.” Lucas Sinclair, operating a shuttle car in the north entries, made his final report about odd shadows flickering across the walls, even though no one else was nearby. Dustin Henderson, assisting as an electrician along the main line, transmitted brief notes about breaker boxes sparking in repeated patterns, “like the lights were trying to talk.” Will Byers, stationed as ventilation technician in the return areas, recorded abnormal airflow readings — currents pulling downward instead of rising — before going silent.

Meanwhile, Max Mayfield coordinated haulage operations and remarked that the ground beneath her feet “was alive” as tremors rippled through her corridor. Steve Harrington, cutting coal in the face, radioed about metallic-tasting water seeping from the walls; his tone suggested more unease than fatigue. Nancy Wheeler, located on the main line, assigned to maintain the communication systems underground, stopped reporting mid-sentence at 10:41 p.m., her final word left unfinished. Beside her, Joyce Byers, serving as a trainee, was heard whispering that something was moving in the dark.

Jonathan Byers, making repairs at the belt drive, reported conveyor stoppages that didn't align with any mechanical fault, only to fall silent seconds later. Eleven, running supplies deeper into the mine, made one last call over the radio, her words buried under static that sounded eerily like whispering voices. Eddie Munson, driving roof supports into one of the newly cut entries, was last overheard cursing as steel beams twisted violently, as if crushed by invisible pressure. Hopper himself was last confirmed attempting to calm his crew, his voice fractured by interference, before the line cut completely.

At approximately 10:37 p.m., seismic sensors above ground registered a sudden shockwave followed by a collapse signature consistent with an explosion. By 10:41 p.m., the last fragmented transmissions were received: "*cold,*" "*moving,*" "*don't—*" before all contact was lost. At 10:42 p.m., silence consumed the mine entirely.

The mine's primary blowing fan located on the surface remains off at this time.

It has now been approved for rescue teams to enter the Upside Down, though the mission has been classified as a high-risk incursion. The Upside Down is described as *unstable, and possibly altered by forces beyond geological explanation*. The miners have not been located, and no communication signals from the crew have been confirmed since contact was lost.

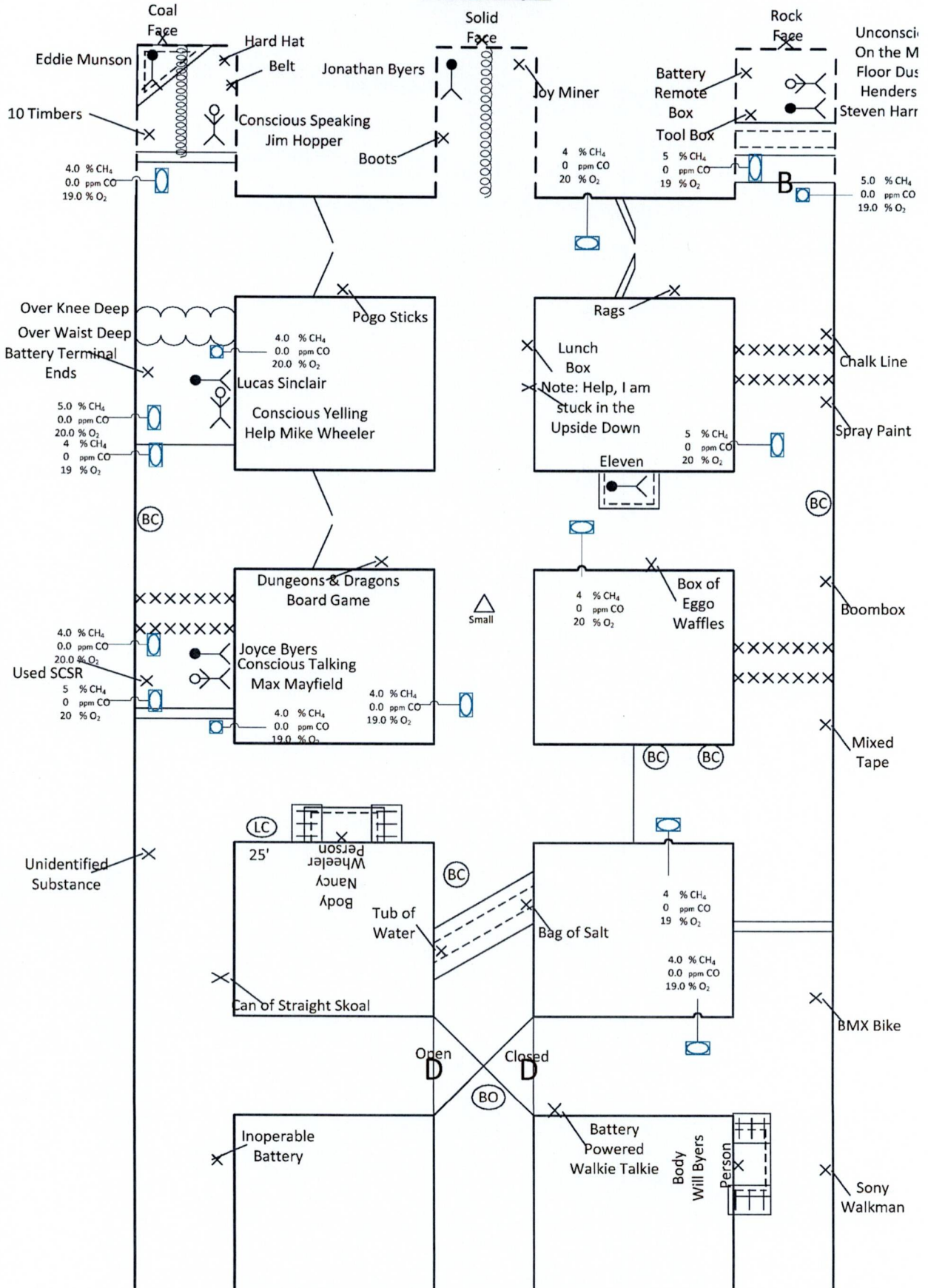
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Written Instructions

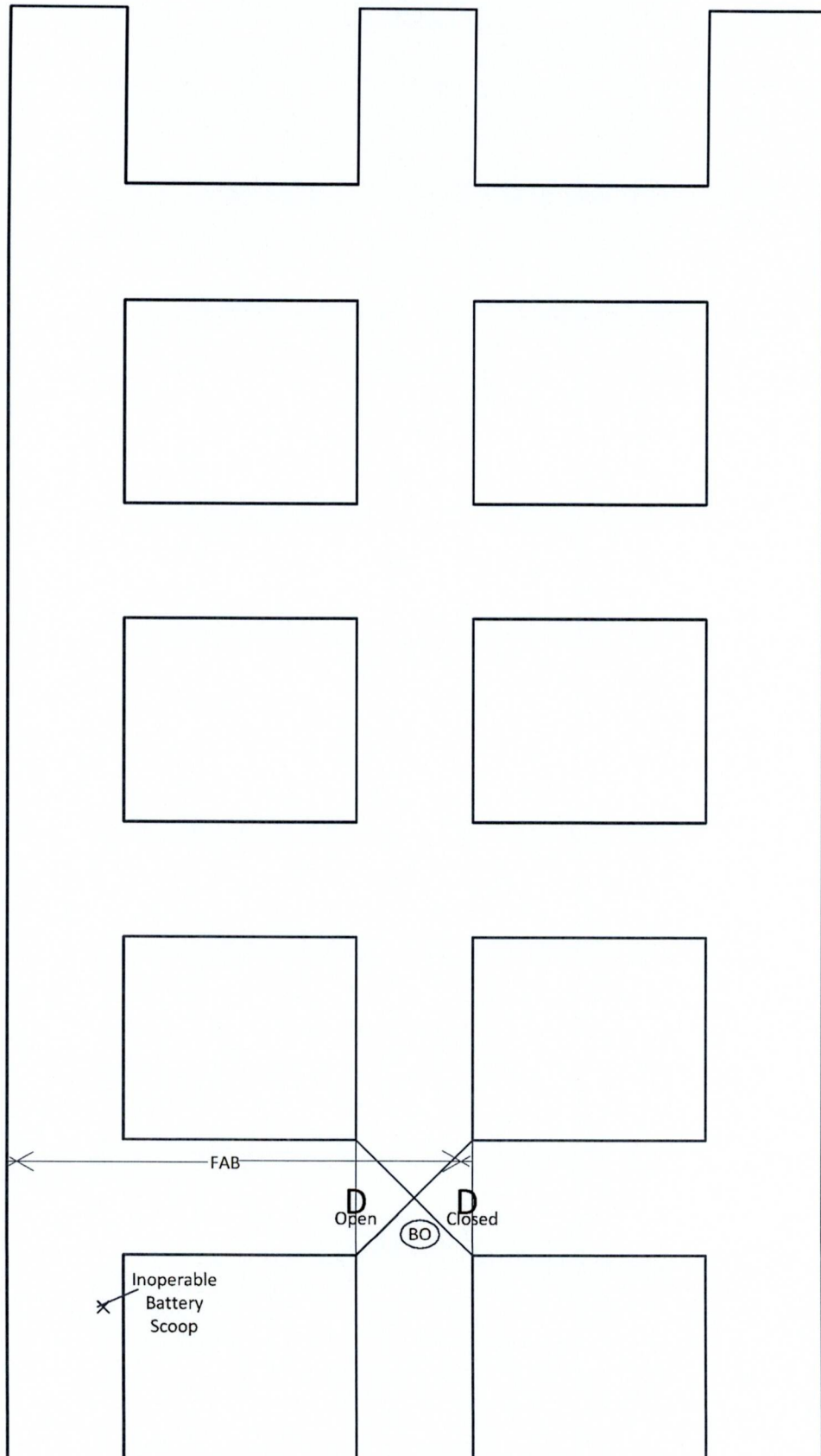
- **Explore all areas of the mine that can be safely examined.**
- **Locate all missing miners and bring survivors to the surface.**
- **The mine maps are up to date.**
- **The main mine fan, located on the surface, only operates in the Blowing mode. The Blowing mine fan is off. Once the Blowing mine fan is started it cannot be stopped, stalled, or reversed.**
- **Report the lowest team members oxygen gauge reading at each team check.**
- **You have 80 minutes to complete your work.**

Good Luck!

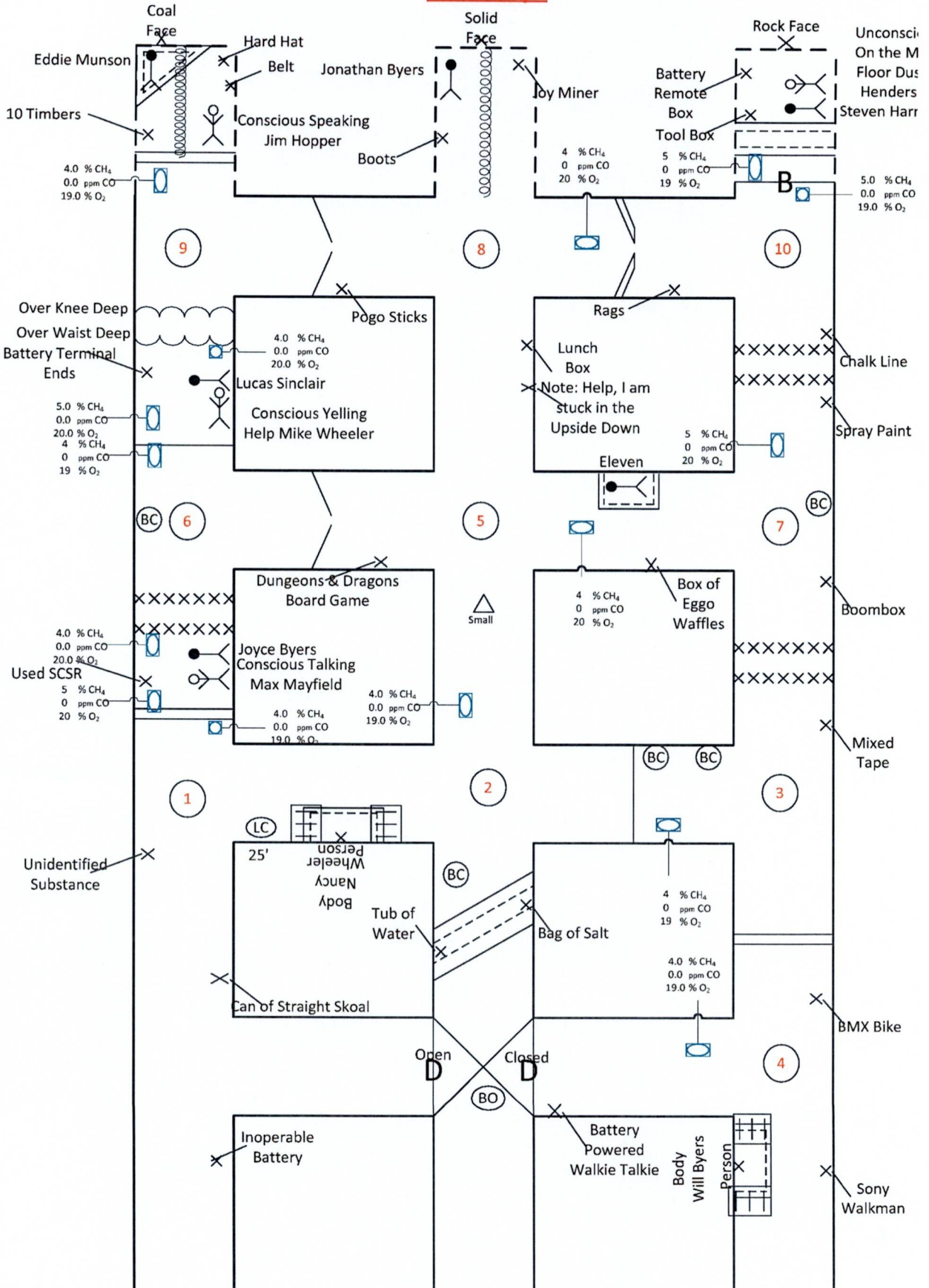
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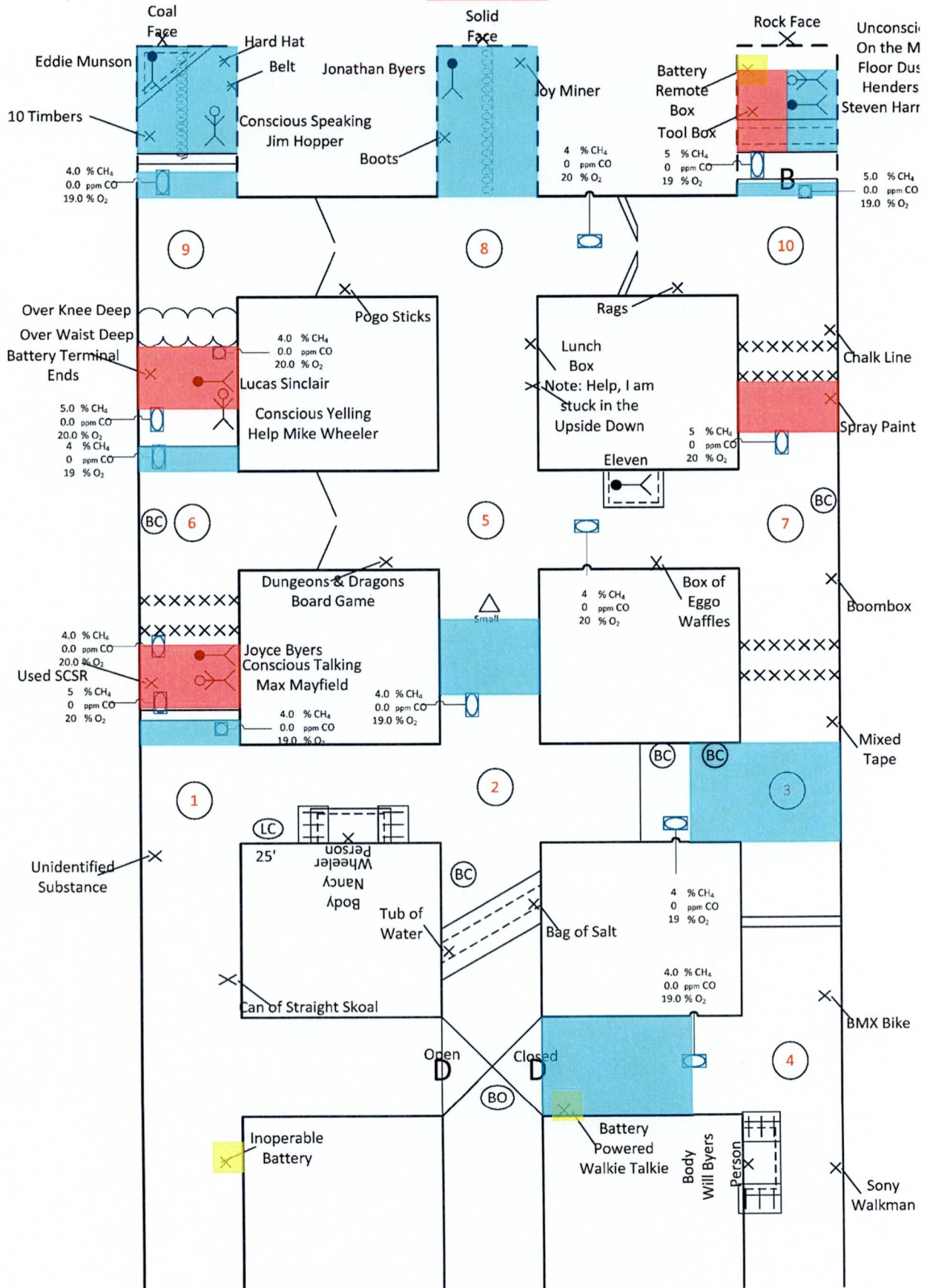
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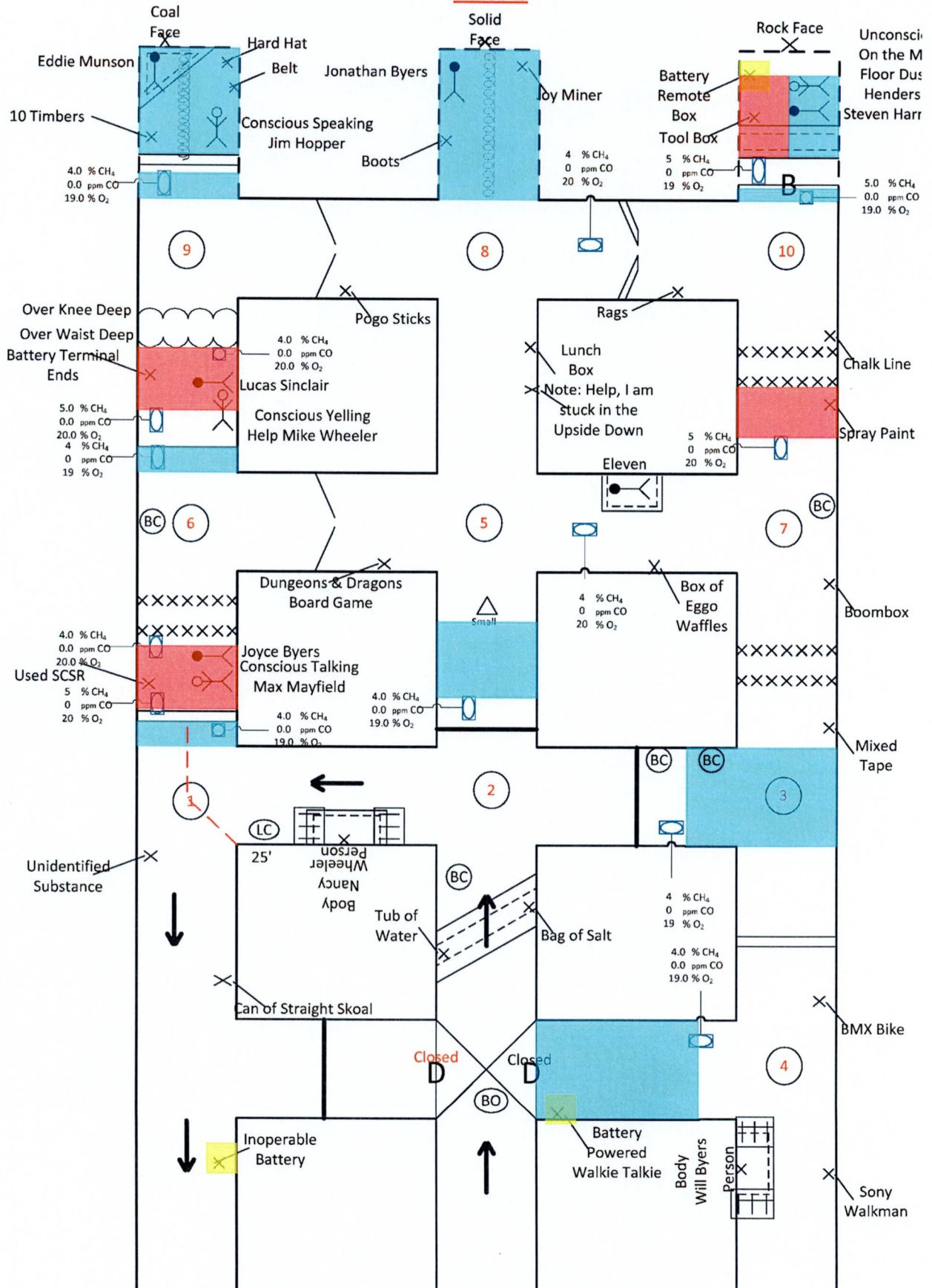
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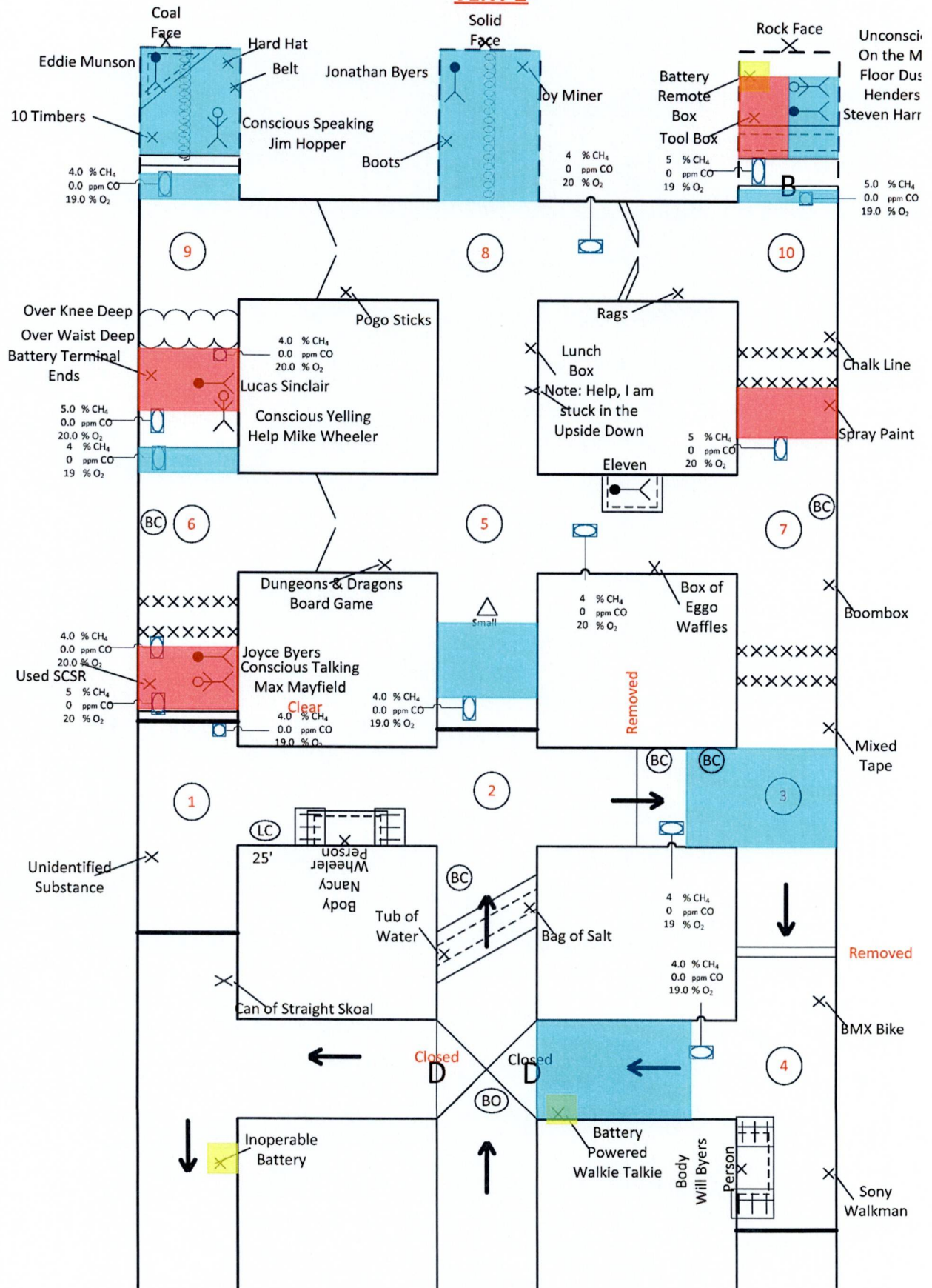
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Gas Extents



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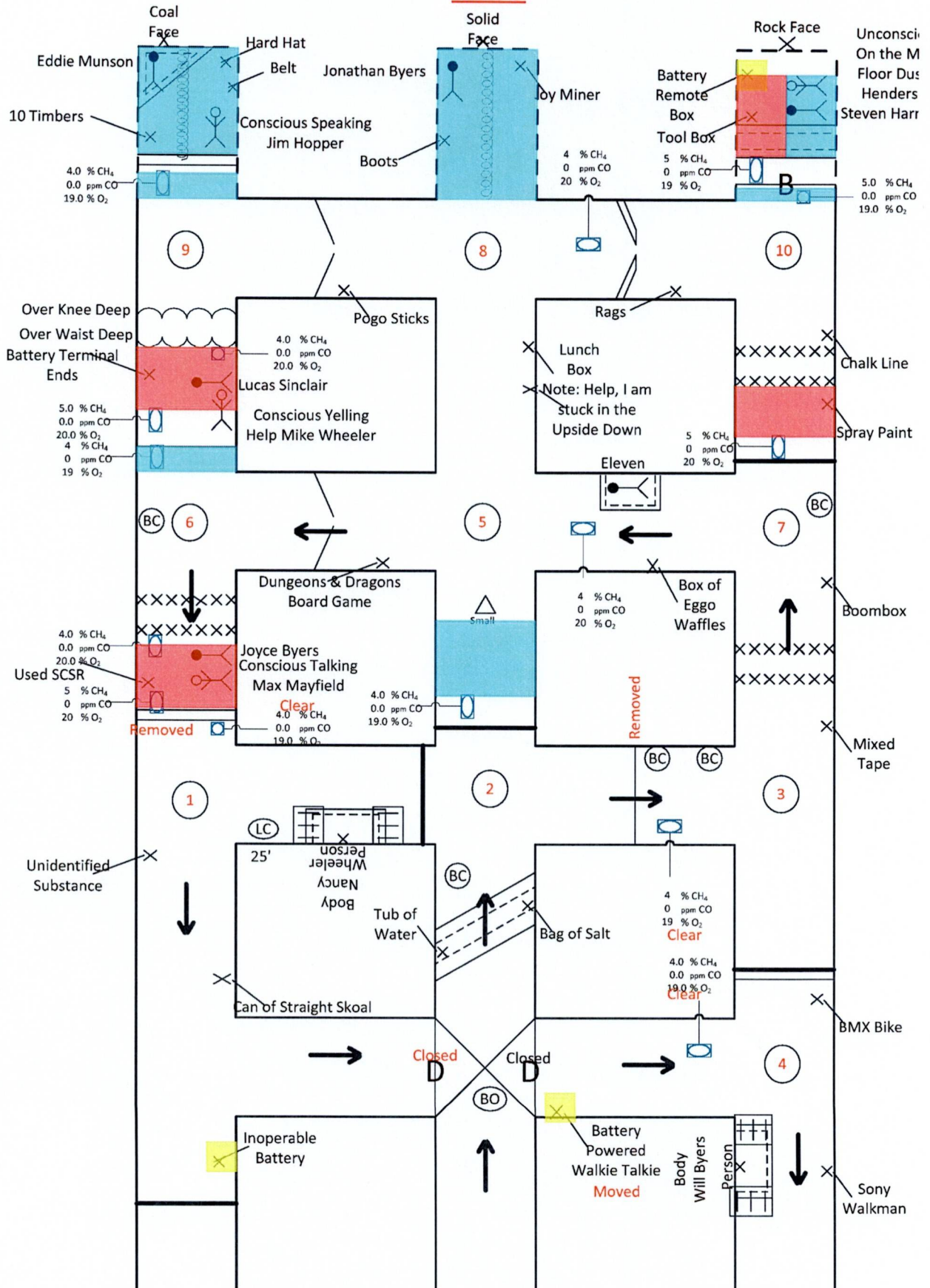


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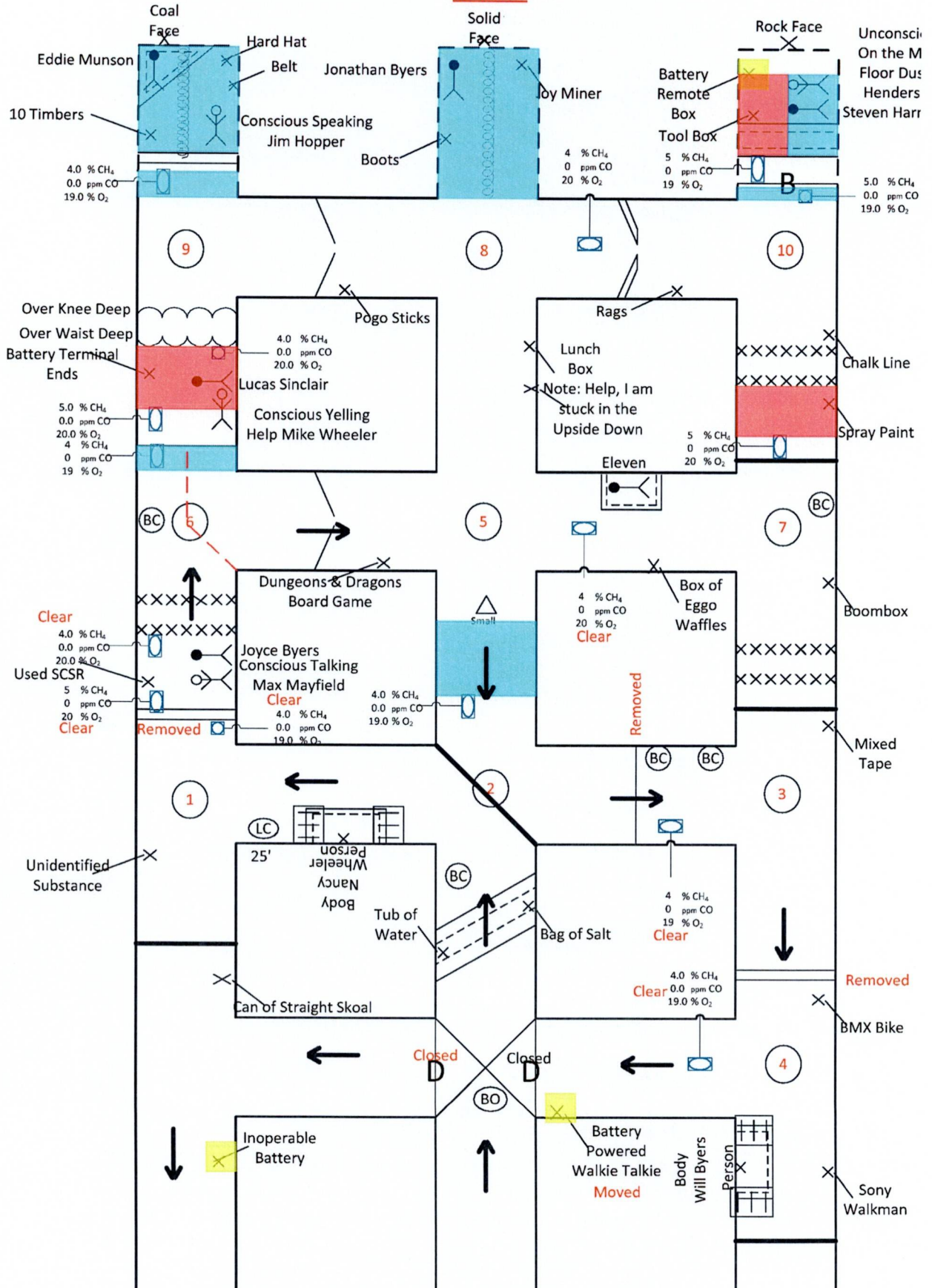
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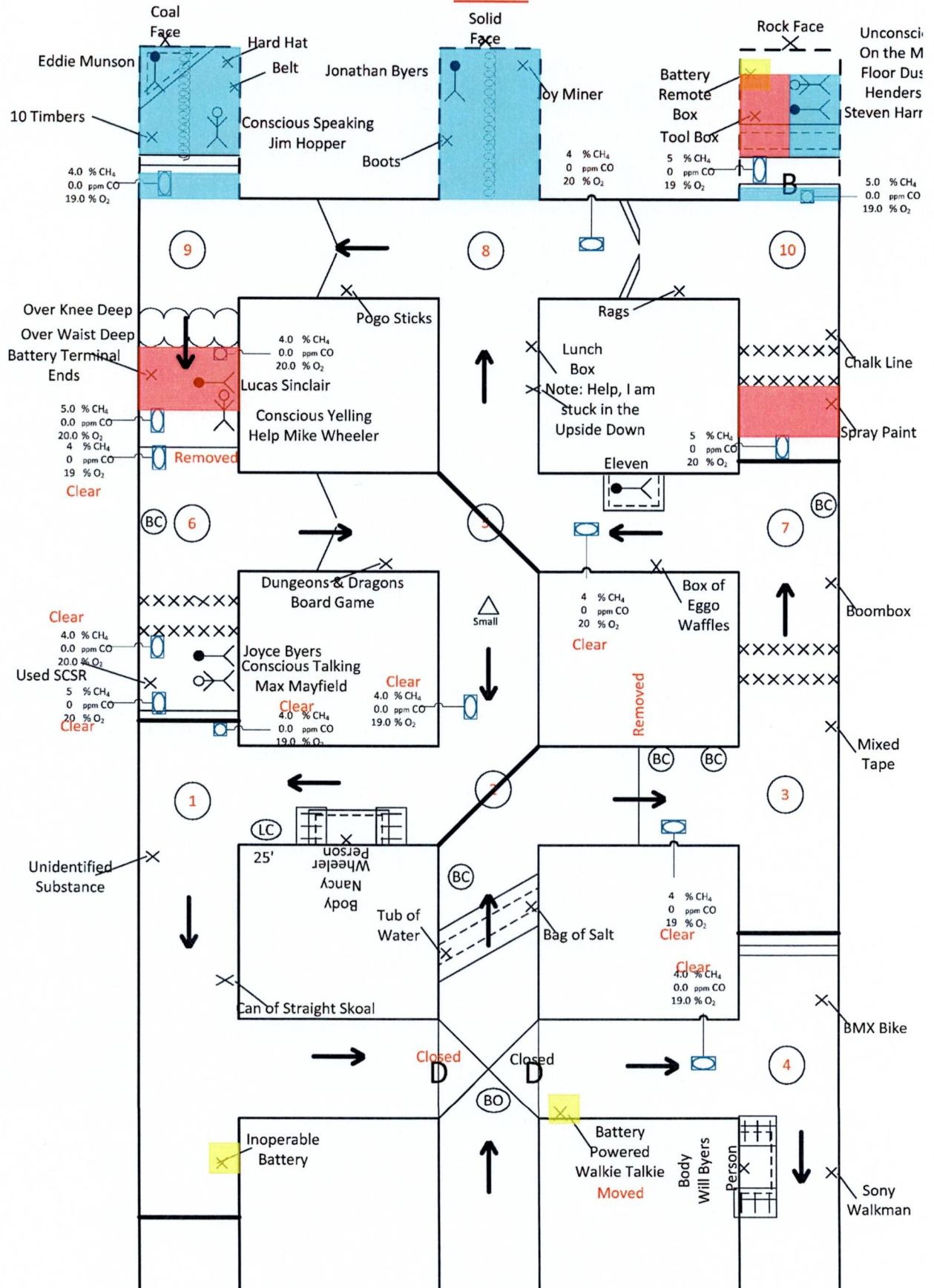
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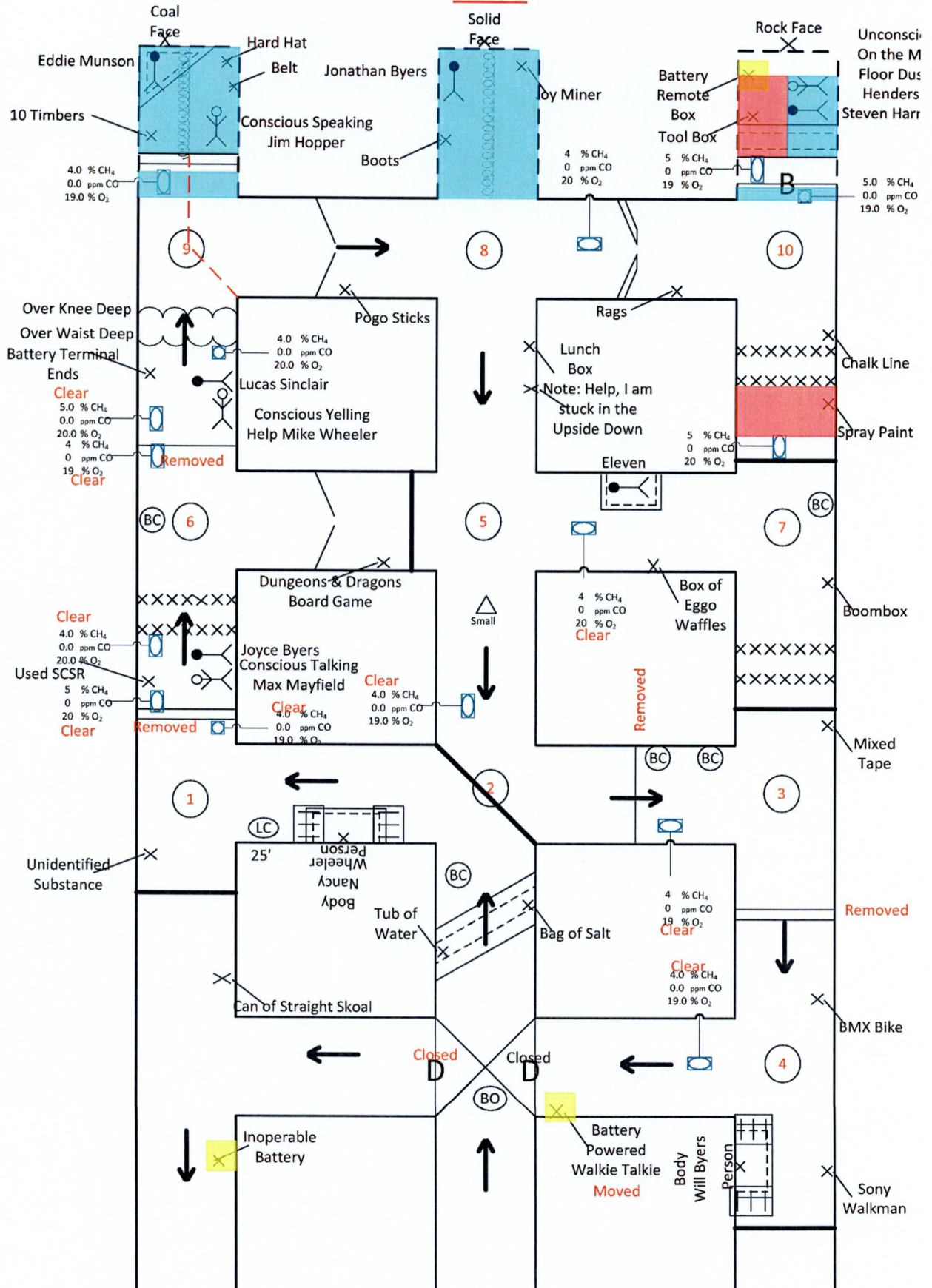
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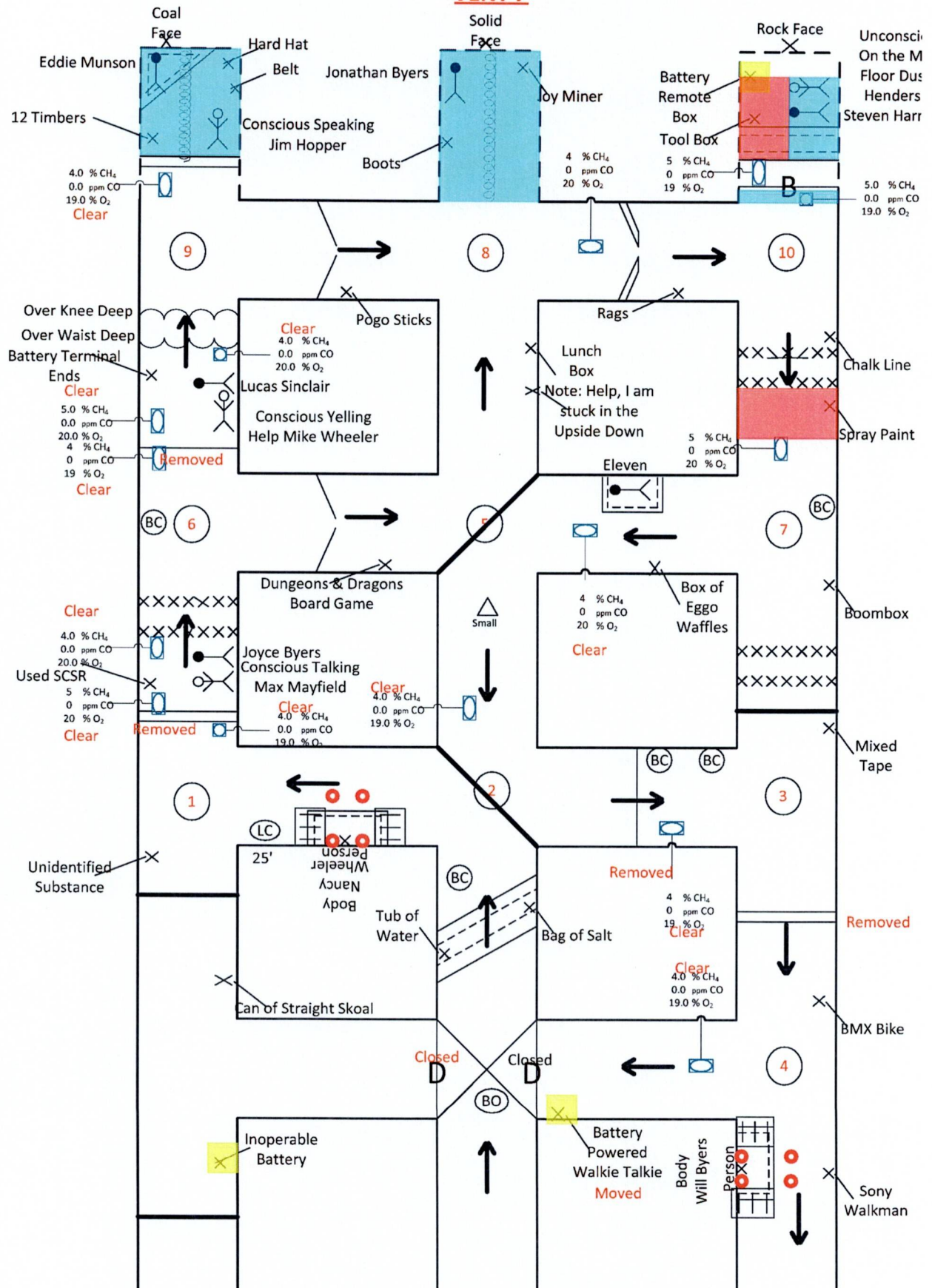


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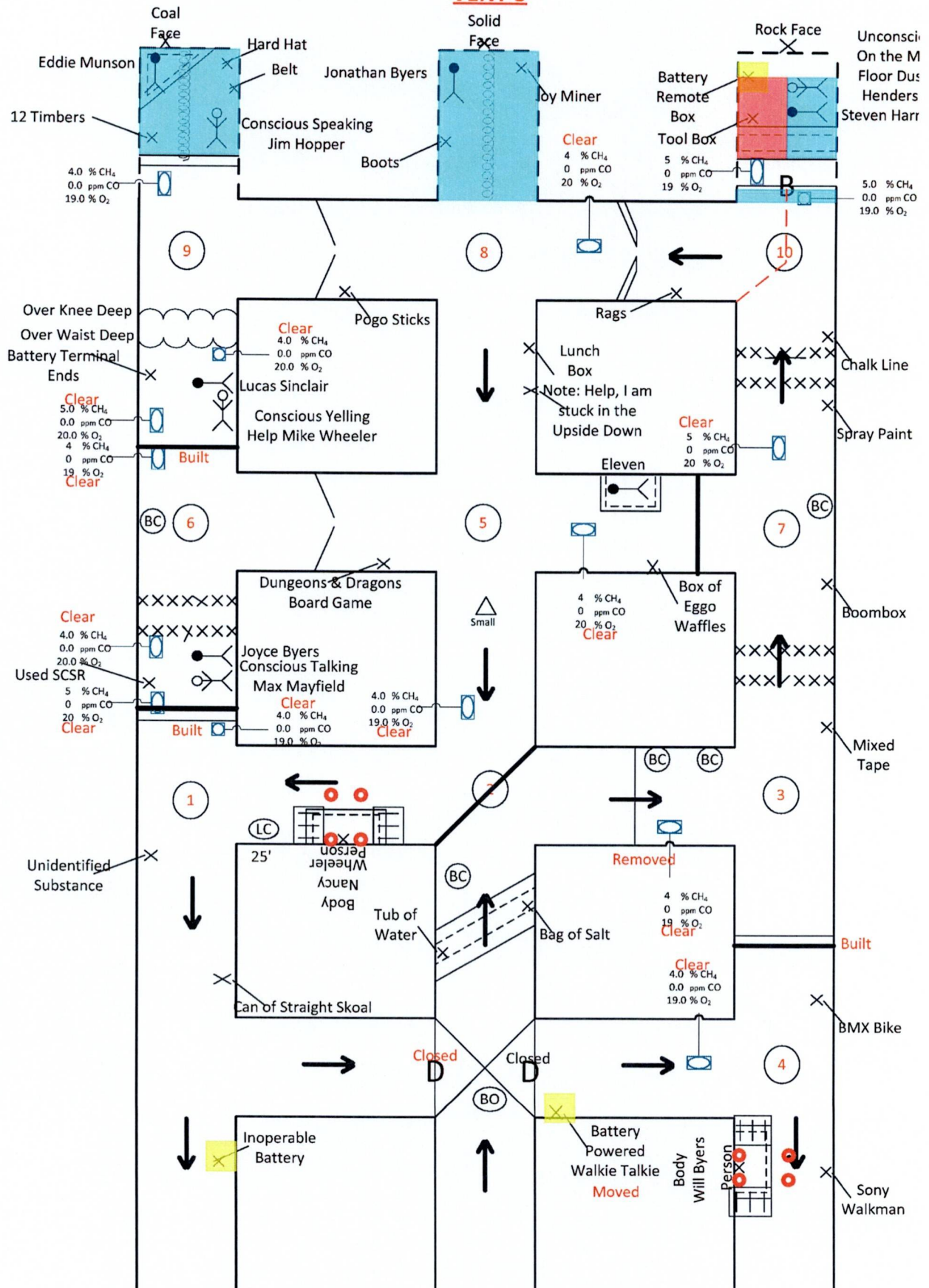
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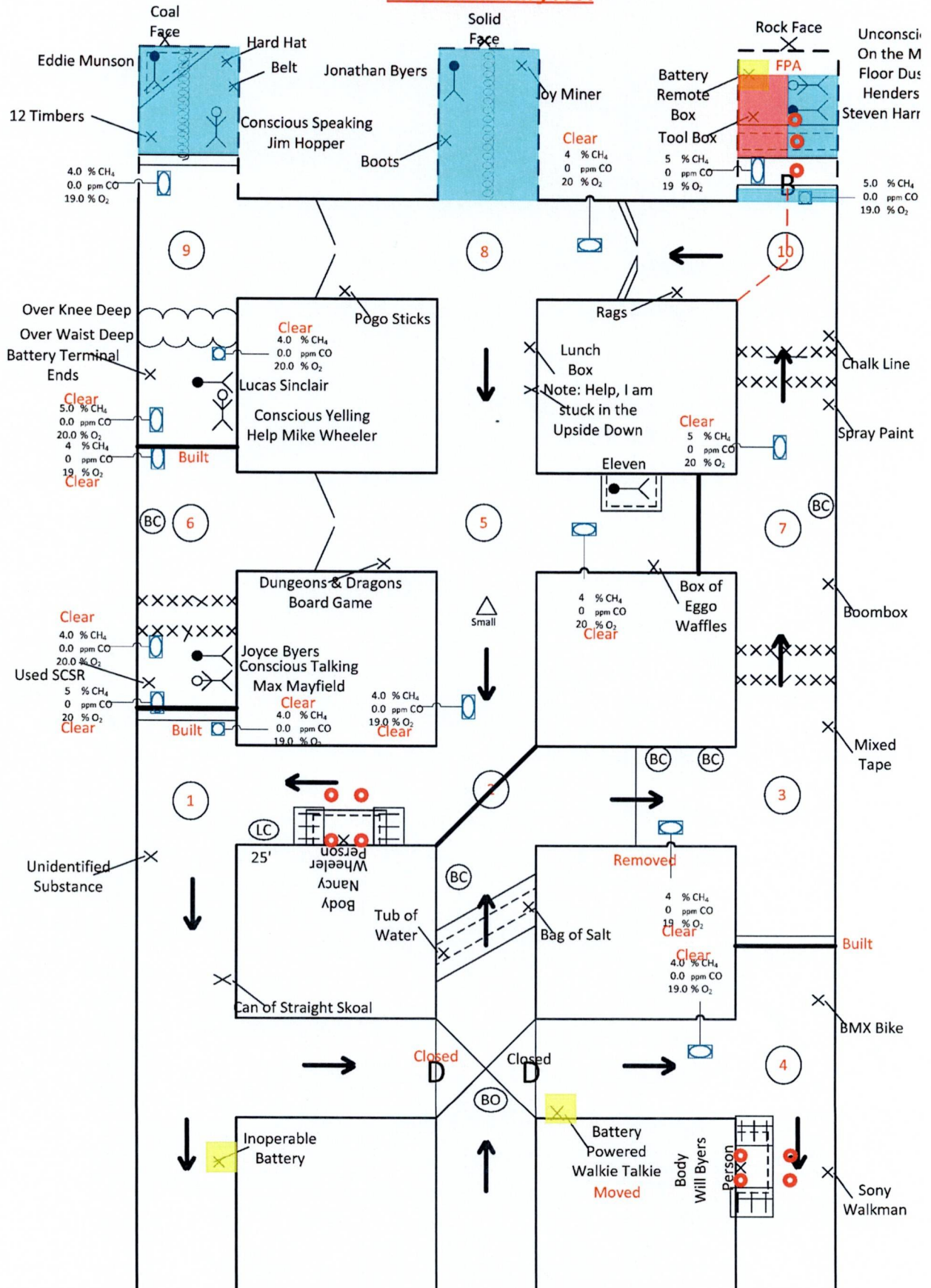
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Final Timbering FPA



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Final Vent Map

