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BROTHERS AND SISTERS

October 20th, 2015 will be etched in the memory of all Mine Mill 598/Unifor members. This is the day we lost Brother Richard Pigeau in an underground accident at Nickel Rim Mine South.

Myself, President Anne Marie MacInnis, Compensation Health & Welfare Officer Joanne Lizotte were present at the site when it was confirmed that there had been a fatality at NRS. The following is a chronological order of events that took place over the next week.

Thursday, October 22nd

- We returned to the site for the first of 4 crew meetings
- Myself and Full Time Mines Mill Health & Safety Co-ordinator Dave Stewart met with the company's investigation team
- The MOL released the scene until Monday morning so that the joint Company & Union team could begin their investigation.
- Joel Carr from the Unifor Health & Safety department arrived in town to lend any support he could from the National Office.

Friday, October 23rd

- Attended crew meeting with Joel Carr
- Joel met with the Joint Investigation team
- Myself, Anne Marie, Joanne and Joel met with Brother Pigeau's daughters, we returned his lunch pail and answered questions they had and shared what information we had with them.

Monday, October 26th

- We attended crew meeting
- MOL returned to site
- Scoop moved from scene
- Investigation of scoop begins

Wednesday, October 28th

- We attended the last crew meeting and this was the first time that Brother Pigeau's crew was back to work.

- Myself, Anne Marie and Joanne attended Brother Pigeau's wake and celebration of life.

November 2nd-9th

- Plant gate collection at all 4 sites
- No final tally as of yet.
- Company has agreed to at least match the amount
- On behalf of the Local and Brother Pigeau's daughters, we would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

I must commend management at NRS. Emergency plans were executed promptly, members were brought to surface and kept onsite until next of kin were notified. The action taken that day by management, was done with the highest degree of professionalism and with great respect toward Brother Pigeau and his daughters.

I urge everyone to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings when at your work sites. It's unfortunate that accidents such as this one still occur. Let's make sure we all go home safe and sound to our families at the end of our shifts.

Currently the investigation is ongoing. The joint investigation team has been putting in long hours and I have every bit of confidence that the team will get the job done and come back with answers for our members and Brother Pigeau's family.

In Solidarity,

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