# *"Circuit Evaluation to bring the Ventilation Report into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"*

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MAIN INTAKES Location

Location

Hazardous Zone A hdg Hazardous Zone B Hdg

Hazardous Zone C Hdg Face Area (Coaling in A hdg) eturn Methane reading Maingate Panel Hazardous Zone (A Hdg ) ace Area (Coaling in A hdg) eturn Methane reading .ongwall

Hazardous Zone A hdg Hazardous Zone B Hdg

Face Area (Shearing) Return Methane reading Readings taken by Ventilation Officer's Signature Countersigned

Belt Drift Transport Drift

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# The way it was last century

## Doing the Ventilation Report to satisfy statutory needs

#### You remember the Ventilation Book in the Report Room



REPORT

Tilton Mine 1984-

#### And the report looked like this!!

#### TILTON COLLIERY

#### VENT REPORT AUGUST 1985

#### MAIN INTAKES

Location	Area(m2)	Vel(m/s)	Quan(m3/s)	%CH4
Belt Drift	16.64	3.68	61.2	
Transport Drift	15.50	6.40	99.2	
Total Intakes			160.4	
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Location	Area(m2)	Vel(m/s)		%CH4
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Hazardous Zone A hdg	16.17	0.60	9.7	0.0
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Return Methane reading				0.2
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Hazardous Zone A hdg	16.17	1.66	26.8	0.0
Hazardous Zone B Hdg	15.2	1.20	18.2	0.0
		Total Flow	45.1	
Face Area (Shearing)	15.4	2.98	45.9	
Return Methane reading				0.8
Readings taken by	Fred Nerk			
Ventilation Officer's Signature	Fred			
Countersigned				

and just managed to comply with the regs

# Why was it this way? The VO was normally the UMIC And the L/W U/M Industrial Issues

roanising back shifts

Keeping barriers full

Safety Issues

And the development guru.. Laying And got involved in Belt installs and extensions Fire gear

Hanging Dioes

track

Dust sampling

You remember the deal: In the pit every day!! There was little time to do more than the statutory minimum. dallasmining.com

**Recovering falls** 

Then came the ventilation disasters of the 70's thru the 90's.

These bought about some regulatory changes

The Act in place at the time of the Appin disaster was the CMRA of 1912 and its regulations

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Lets briefly look at the regulations in place at that time and the mandatory changes since

In relation to air quantities and gas determinations the **1912** (pre 1984) Act and regs required the following prescribed monthly readings to comply







## **EXTRA** requirements from 1984 regs to comply





## **EXTRA** requirements from 1999 regs to comply





## **EXTRA** requirements from 2006 regs to comply





## The total required data is shown below.

It is a start but will not help with properly quantifying:



## Underground station sites need strategic planning. Individual circuit diagnosis is required. Keep the data 1. Main return flow and contamination

This provides total gas make and mine flow

This provides outbye rib emission and mains leakage

2. O/B L/W flow and contamination

collection simple!!

Minimise the number of stns, consider access etc





# Lets assume fixed resistances have been measured such as





## **Routine Pressure Stations**



This provides total circuit pressure and drift and shaft losses.

#### 2. In Mains across door near flow stns

Provides total intake and return losses between here and pit bottom and will help with model validation.

#### 3. In development gate panel across panel entry

Provides gate panel resistance and critical to model

Primary importance in model update. Resistance is critical

Stowage

Main fan

Drifts

#### 5. Across any unusual resistances May include weekend bag or unusually Shaft

This above flow, gas, pressure and fan data will allow the generation of the whole report.

(Along with any other mandatory data to satisfy the regs of course)

Importantly it will ensure the ventilation model can be regularly tuned also.

# But first the report!!!

More about the model later .

# The report is both an operational and communicational/training tool.

Operationally it will enable the mine to adequately delineate the circuit on a monthly basis and maintain an <u>accurate predictive model</u>

As a training tool its value is unlimited if distributed to key personnel around the site over an extended period

The jury is out on which one adds the most value



## Operationally the following may be included

## Fan performance records

## Often discounted as irrelevant but this is very narrow thinking

SOUTHFORK MINE

MARCH 2015

#### MAIN FAN INFORMATION

No 1 Fan Running											
Airflow	<b>98</b> m3/s	Monitoring									
Fan Speed	450 rpm	Monitoring									
Current	341 Amps	Monitoring									
Voltage	311 Volts	Monitoring									
Power	149 Kw	Monitoring									

No 2 Fan Running							
Airflow	<b>97</b> m3/s	Monitoring					
Fan Speed	455 rpm	Monitoring					
Current	300 Amps	Monitoring					
Voltage	313 Volts	Monitoring					
Power	138 Kw	Monitoring					

Shaft Collar Pressure	<mark>1550</mark> Pa	
Mine Resistance	0.04578	Gauls

#### MINE AIRFLOW SUMMARY

	m3/s	Comments
Total Airflow	195	From Monitoring
Total Intakes	184	Return flow assumed equal this month
Panel last lines 13 <sup>°</sup>		=Total L/W, M/G and Mains last lines
and unintentional	53	= Total Intake minus total panel last line quantities

#### FACE AREA VENTILATION EFFICIENCY

		Comments
Last line Total	71%	= (Total Panel flows)/total intakes x 100

#### PANEL AIRFLOW EFFICIENCYS

		Comments
M/G Efficiency from entry to last line	82%	As measured

 The changing mine resistance over time will help validate existing fan

 curve date. Not bad for 1 minutes work a month!!!
 dallasmining.com

# Various operating points across a range of duties will identify these portions of the curves



## Mine Resistance is a helpful output



## **Raw Data Pages**

## This is the U/G base data for all the report outputs

SOUTHFORK COLLIERY VENTI	LATIC	N RE	POR	Т	DAT	AE	NTR	Y BA	SE P	AGE	S	JULY 2015	
DATE LOCATION	VEL	AREA	QUANT	PREV	Variance	CH4	CH4	C0 C	:0 Т	EMP °C		COMMENT	
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MAIN INTAKES									7	.5 8.0	D Surfac	ce temperature	n onono.
24-Aug PORTAL ENTRY A HEADING	4.02	15.60	62.7			0.0	a				Reme	easured station	A *****
24-Aug PORTAL ENTRY B HEADING	3.54	16.12	57.1			0.0	a				Reme	easured station 26 m O/B 2 C/T	Areas
24-Aug PORTAL ENTRY C HEADING	3.36	16.90	56.8			0.0	ø				Reme	easured station 26 m O/B 2 C/T	
24-Aug CONVEYOR DRIFT INTAKE	3.56	24.22	86.2			0.0	a						
TOTAL MINE INTAKES		TOTAL	263	267	-2%		a						Velocities
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24-Aug W5 M/G C Hdg 0 to 1 line	2.32	14.42	33	34	-2%				20	.0 22.	0 News	stn under overcast at panel entry	Gas readings
24-Aug MAIN DIPS E 20 to 21 C/T Brattice	D.P.=	76	Pa .						_		Assis	ts W4 panel flow	
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24-Aug W7 M/G A Hdg 1 to 2 C/T	1.90	16.92	32		1.0/	1					Stn re	-measured and marked up 28m I/B 1 line	
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24-Aug W7 M/G A Hdg 13 to 14 C/T (old belt)	1.38	22.77	31								Stn se	et up and marked up 17m I/B A13	
24-Aug W7 M/G B Hdg 13 to 14 C/T (travel rd)	2.19	18.20	40	1					18	.0 21.0	0 Stnise	et up and marked up 17m I/B B13	23
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24-Aug A Hdg Return 32 to 33 line Main Dips	1.00	18.19	18			0.1	18				Stn 16	m I/B 32 line in A Hdq Main Dips	The second s
				1	•				1				
24-Aug Press on A Hdg Beg 31 to 32 line	nP-	65	Pa			1					New n	egulator in Eastern return	dallasmining.co



### To more detailed circuits depending on the extent of the mine



But exactly the same theory applies relating to station locations.com

These schematics may appear to be a "nice to have"

# BUT

The model cannot be properly updated without a graphical interface

There are just too many mouse clicks and repetitive adjustments to use the raw data!!

You could enter the data freehand on a plan for the same result but the schematic is a powerful circuit training tool for the ERZ controllers.

## Flow Distribution Where does all the air go to?

#### Leakage/Flow Summary

Intentional Flows	% of total flow	Quantity (m3/s)
Mains last line	21	25
MG panel last line	29	35
L/W face flow	37	45
Diesel bay	7	9
Charge Stn	5	6
Total Beturn from Survey = 193		120

Total Flow accounted for = 193

Flow/Leakage as % of Total Intake = 100

SOUTHFORK MINE

Unintentional Leakage Flows	% of total flow	Quantity (m3/s)
Pit bottom leakage flow	27	20
Mains Leakage P/B to L/W	20	15
Mains Leakage L/W to M/G	17	13
M/G panel leakage	16	12
Leakge M/G to Mains face	17	13
Leakge from M/G 3 entry to last line	1	1





## **Gas Balance**

## Where is the gas made throughout the mine??



#### SOUTHFORK AREA CH4 MAKES



# Don't panic!!

It looks like a lot of work!!

BUT

All the above data comes from the U/G base pages!!!

# **Summary is:**

Put the stations in the right place

**Record the gas concentrations with the flows** 

Get the pressures as you walk around

Let Excel do a lot of the work

Update and include the validated Ventsim model

The model should be validated monthly against the measured results Depending on the U/G environment some months it will be a better replica than others Model tuning is like sailing



# Why would you want an accurate model?

**Predictive analysis can be done at any time which may assist with:** 

Long term circuit capacity planning

Panel capacity like "will the M/G make the distance"?

**Confident minor to major ventilation changes** 

The effect of losing a main fan at anytime

The time taken and route of flow of stonedust, smoke or other contaminants.

The ability to do complex ventilation changes utilising pressures only, and in a fraction of the traditional timeframe, <u>and thus far more safely.</u>

## But remember the model is not a clone and will never be "exactly" correct

## It is not a "dolly"



## It is more of a mini-me:



Its limitations need to be understood and appreciated

## The "Southfork" finished model

The Ventsim file looks like this and is then included in the report and responsible for coming circuit adjustments.



**Click for interactive excel model** 



As a training tool the reports knows no bounds

At a Northern Bowen basin mine it has been made available to officials for just on 5 years.

Their general knowledge of the circuit and ventilation principles is outstanding.

I regularly have Deputies ring me to discuss the contents.

To encourage this I insert a myriad of info to keep them informed and interested such as:

## **Various Appliance standards**





Hang Mesh



Roll up bag





#### **Calculating Gas Makes**

Gas make (litres/sec) = Airflow (m3/sec) x methane concentration (%) x 10

**Example:** You measure a cross-sectional roadway area of  $12.6 \text{ m}^2$  and a velocity of the air in that roadway is measured at 2.2 m/sec and there is a gas concentration on the XAM 2000 of 1.6% CH4. What is the gas make?

#### Solution:

- Quantity =  $\forall x A$ = 2.2 x 12.6 = 27.7 m<sup>3</sup>/sec airflow.
- Gas make = 27.7 x 1.6 x 10 = 443 litres/sec of methane.

I have included a Methane Make calculator over for the Deputies to use.



#### Gas make calculator (litres/second)

#### Methane Gas Percentage Detected (%)

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	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	1.20	1.40	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.20	2.40	_
5.0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	5.0
6.0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	6.0
7.0	14	28	42	56	70	84	98	112	126	140	154	168	7.0
8.0	16	32	48	64	80	96	112	128	144	160	176	192	8.0
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13.0	26	52	78	104	130	156	182	208	234	260	286	312	13.0
14.0	28	56	84	112	140	168	196	224	252	280	308	336	14.0
15.0	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	330	360	15.0
16.0	32	64	96	128	160	192	224	256	288	320	352	384	16.0
17.0	34	68	102	136	170	204	238	272	306	340	374	408	17.0
18.0	36	72	108	144	180	216	252	288	324	360	396	432	18.0
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33.0	66	132	198	264	330	396	462	528	594	660	726	792	33.0
34.0	68	136	204	272	340	408	476	544	612	680	748	816	34.0
35.0	70	140	210	280	350	420	490	560	630	700	770	840	35.0
36.0	72	144	216	288	360	432	504	576	648	720	792	864	36.0
37.0	74	148	222	296	370	444	518	592	666	740	814	888	37.0
38.0	76	152	228	304	380	456	532	608	684	760	836	912	38.0
39.0	78	156	234	312	390	468	546	624	702	780	858	936	39.0
40.0	80	160	240	320	400	480	560	640	720	800	880	960	40.0
41.0	82	164	246	328	410	492	574	656	738	820	902	984	41.0
42.0	84	168	252	336	420	504	588	672	756	840	924	1008	42.0
43.0	86	172	258	344	430	516	602	688	774	860	946	1032	43.0
44.0	88	176	264	352	440	528	616	704	792	880	968	1056	44.0
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46.0	92	184	276	368	460	552	644	736	828	920	1012	1104	46.0
47.0	94	188	282	376	470	564	658	752	846	940	1034	1128	47.0
48.0	96	192	288	384	480	576	672	768	864	960	1056	1152	48.0
49.0	98	196	294	392	490	588	686	784	882	980	1078	1176	49.0
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			Met	hane	Gas	Perc	entag	ge De	etect	ed (%	6)		

Roadway Quantity (m3/sec)

## CO Make Chart (Yellow cells are litres/min CO) Prepared by John Rowland www.dallasmining.com.au

Raw CO	Air Quantity (cubic metres per second)																															
(ppm)	10	13	16	19	22	25	28	31	34	37	40	43	46	49	52	55	58	61	64	67	70	73	76	79	82	85	88	91	94	97	100	103
1	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.2	4,4	4.6	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.2
2	1.2	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.4	4.8	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.2	6.6	7.0	7.3	7.7	8.0	8.4	8.8	9.1	9.5	9.8	10	11	11	11	12	12	12
3	1.8	23	2.9	3.4	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.6	6.1	6.7	7.2	7.7	8.3	8.8	9.4	9.9	10	11	12	12	13	13	14	14	15	15	16	16	17	17	18	19
4	2.4	3.1	3.8	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.7	7.4	8.2	8.9	9.6	10	11	12	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	18	19	20	20	21	22	23	23	24	25
5	3.0	3.9	4.8	5.7	6.6	7.5	8.4	9.3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	26	27	28	29	30	31
6	3.6	4.7	5.8	6.8	7.9	9.0	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
7	4.2	5.5	6.7	8.0	9.2	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	26	27	28	29	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	41	42	43
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9	5.4	7.0	8.6	10	12	14	15	17	18	20	22	23	25	26	28	30	31	33	35	36	38	39	41	43	44	46	48	49	51	52	54	56
10	6.0	7.8	9.6	11	13	15	17	19	20	22	24	26	28	29	31	33	35	37	38	40	42	44	46	47	49	51	53	55	56	58	60	62











## The last word should go to this factual E mail

-----Original Message----- **From: Mike Hunt Sent:** Wednesday, 16 April 2008 2:29 PM **O:** All Deputies **Cc:** jr@dallasmining.com.au; **Ray Crebbs Subject:** 

Gents,

You will find attached a copy of this months Ventilation report. Please take the time to read it and share it with your crews As per usual a copy has been placed on the board in the lamp room.

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Regards

Mike Hunt Ventilation Engineer Southfork Mine



### What you have seen is in excess of minimum standards

It could well be argued that minimum standards need further review

What cannot be argued is that spending one or 2 solid days underground a month is not worth the results

#### Its better to distribute this



#### than to hide this

TILTON COLLIERY													
VENT REPORT AUGUST 1985													
MAIN INTAKES													
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Return Methane reading				0.2									
Maingate Panel													
Hazardous Zone (A Hdg )	16.17	2.15	34.8	0.1									
Face Area (Coaling in A hdg)	15	0.40	6.0										
Return Methane reading				0.2									
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Longwall	10.17	1.00	20.0	0.0									
Hazardous Zone A ridg	15.17	1.00	20.0	0.0									
Hazaldous Zone B Hug	10.2	Total Flow	45.1	0.0									
Face Area (Shearing)	15.4	2.98	45.9										
Return Methane reading	10.4	2.00	43.3	0.8									
Readings taken by	Fred Nerk			0.0									
Ventilation Officer's Signature	Fred												
Countersigned													





Questions