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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Alpha Natural Resources faces a proposed \$6,000 civil fine for a fatal accident at one of its West Virginia mines.

The [Charleston Gazette](#) [1] reports that the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training cited Alpha for modifying a scoop. A state rule prohibits equipment modifications that limit visibility.

Mine safety inspectors found that storage boxes and a welder had been installed on the scoop's frame.

Steven O'Dell of Mount Nebo was killed in November 2012 when he was caught between a scoop and a continuous mining machine at the Pocahontas Mine A White Buck Portal in Greenbrier County. The mine is owned by Virginia-based Alpha subsidiary White Buck Coal Co.

An Alpha spokesman says the company hasn't decided whether to appeal the citation.

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Information from: The Charleston Gazette, <http://www.wvgazette.com> [2]

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