

MERCER COUNTY

Planning Unit 064: AML Printout #152: T145N, R86W, Section 19

Additional Legal Location: 145 86 17; 145 86 18 SE; 145 86 19 NE;
145 86 20; 145 86 21; 145 86 16 NW NE;

Name:	Owner:
Dakota Star Coal Mine (1945-1950)	No data (1945-1950)
Truax-Traer Coal Co. (1951-1961)	Truax-Traer Coal Co. (1951-1961)
Truax-Traer Coal Co. (Dakota Star Mine, Div. of Consolidation Coal Co.) (1962-1966)	Consolidation Coal Co. (1962-1966)

Category: Commercial/regional and local

Type: Surface (strip)

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
No data	No data	No data	Not applicable

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is listed as a new mine in 1945. No information was noted about the owner of the mine from 1945 through 1950; the Truax-Traer Coal Co. apparently purchased the mine in about 1951. Truax-Traer Coal Co. maintained ownership until 1962, when the mine became the property of the Consolidation Coal Co. No listings were noted for this mine following 1966, and it is assumed that the mine ceased to be operated at about that time.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year (pages)]

None

Notes:

This mine may have been known locally as the "Hazen Mine."

Sources (primary and secondary):

Benson:1952(np)
 Brant:1953(29)
 Carlson and Laird:1964(8)
 CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
 USDA:1977(1)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1945	67	74	1.53+	64,577	2,865	61,712	Alfred Kelsven**
1945	"new mine"						
1946	213	66	1.44+	409,686	5,000	404,686	Alfred Kelsven**
1947	211	53	1.55+	534,649+	2,892+	531,987+	Alfred Kelsven**
1948	222	57	1.82+	536,067+	8,827+	529,473+	Alfred Kelsven**
1949	219	50	2.19	548,405+	7,956+	538,764+	Alfred.Kelsven**
1950	210	50	2.25	575,455+	7,515+	565,448+	Alfred Kelsven**
1951	197	57	2.22	546,566+	8,134+	540,219+	Alfred Kelsven**
1952	168	57	2.16	429,813+	6,033+	422,602+	Alfred Kelsven**
1953	152	56	2.23	397,373+	6,487+	388,513+	Alfred Kelsven**
1954	132	30	2.25	327,032+	4,763+	324,481+	Alfred Kelsven**
1955	122	28	2.21	315,877+	4,765+	309,402+	Alfred Kelsven**
1956	123	29	2.28	303,354	6,042	298,767	Alfred Kelsven**
1957	130	25	2.24	305,671	7,162	298,366	Alfred Kelsven**
1958	151	24	2.33	230,615	6,874	225,506	Alfred Kelsven**
1959	125	27	2.31	265,466	8,297	252,720	Alfred Kelsven**
1960	96	24	2.44	213,200	8,296	207,362	Alfred Kelsven**
1961	121	18	2.42	187,575	7,639	180,050	Leonard Erickson**
1962	106	17	2.45	171,146	8,428	160,832	Leonard Erickson**
1962/64	268	16	2.11	348,258	17,993	329,699	L.T. Erickson**
1965	154	21	1.93	258,556	11,954	247,106	LeRoy Olson**
1966	32	17	1.91+	42,449	1,777	47,406	LeRoy M. Olson**

*Unless otherwise indicated, name listed is that of owner.

**Individual was superintendent of the mine; owner not listed.