

WARD COUNTY

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #335: T152N, R82W, Section 24
Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #333: T152N, R82W, Section 24, NE, N1/2
Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #332: T152N, R82W, Section 24, N1/2
N1/2

Additional Legal Location: Section 24, NE, NW

Name: Owner:

Bechtold (aka Bechtold) Coal Mine (1923 1934) No data
P.H. Bechtold, Mine (1935-1937)

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, slope (1923); Underground, drift (1925-1937)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness mined:	Source:
60 ft.	12 ft.	7 ft.	CMID:1926

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1923 and it may have been in operation prior to that time. The mine was operated from 1923 through 1929; the 1929 CMID Summary of Inspection indicates that the Bechtold Coal Mine was "Opening New Mine." This mine was operated and reported from 1930 through 1937, when it is listed as not operating (see Notes, below). No listings were noted for the mine following 1937. Although it is likely that the mine ceased operations at about that time, it is possible that the mine continued to be operated but was not reported, or that the mine was operated and reported under another name, following 1937.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

CMID:1926(53)

WCB Map:1937

Notes:

The source containing a legal location that related this mine with the Planning Units and AML locations listed above is a 1937 WCB map, which lists the mine as the P.H. Bechtold Mine. The mine that was reported from 1923 through 1929 (see basic data and mine names above) was not definitely the same mine or definitely at the same location as the P.H. Bechtold Mine reported from 1930 through 1937.

Bechtold Coal Mine (continued)

It should be noted that Planning Unit 103, AML location 335 (T152N, R82W, Section 24) includes:

Planning Unit 103, AML location 333, T152N, R82W, Section 24, NE, N1/2
Planning Unit 103, AML location 332, T152N, R82W, Section 24, N1/2, N1/2

The Bartoshevich, Schoop/Hirschy, Balding, Schoenwald, Schueler, Shaw Bros., A. Vix, C. Vix, and Quality Lignite mines also are located at Planning Unit 103, AML location 335 (T152N, R82W, Section 24).

The Balding and Quality Lignite mines also may be located at Planning Unit 103, AML location 333 (T152N, R82W, Section 24, NE, N1/2).

The Schoop/Hirschy, Balding, and Quality Lignite mines also are located at Planning Unit 103, AML location 332 (T152N, R82W, Section 24, N1/2, N1/2).

Sources (primary and secondary)1

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Harrington:1934a(17), 1936a(3)
WCB:1937

Mine: Bechtold (aka Bechtold) Coal Mine
 (1923-1934)
 P.H. Bechtold Mine (1935-1937)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1923	150	5	2.00	800	800	none	C.P. Bechtold**
1924	no report						
1925	Production figure not provided.						
1926	300	3	1.60	700	700	none	Carl Bechtold**
1927	70	2	1.60	482	482	none	Carl M. Bechtold**
1928	70	2	1.60	390	390	none	Carl Bechtold**
1929	160	2	1.60	1,340	1,340	none	C.A. Klinner**
1929	"Opening New Mine"						
1930	200	8	1.30	4,000	4,000	none	P.H. Bechtold**
1931	225	12	1.10	5,000	5,000	none	P.H. Bechtold**
1932	300	111	1.20	5,000	5,000	none	P.H. Bechtold**
1933	250	12	1.25	4,000	none	4,000	P.H. Bechtold**
1934	200	11	1.20	5,000	5,000	none	P.H. Bechtold**
1935	220	11	1.20	7,000	6,935	65	P.H. Bechtold**
1936	175	9	1.15	6,000	6,000	none	P.H. Bechtold**
1937	240	no data	1.10	1,000	1,000	none	P.H. Bechtold**
1937	"not operating"						

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

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