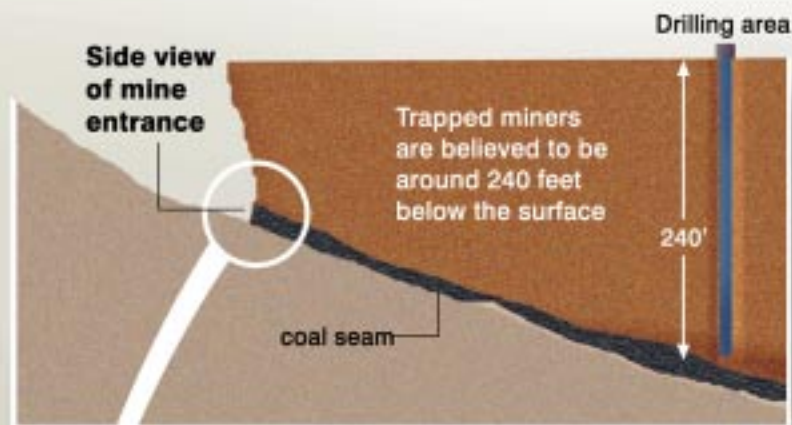


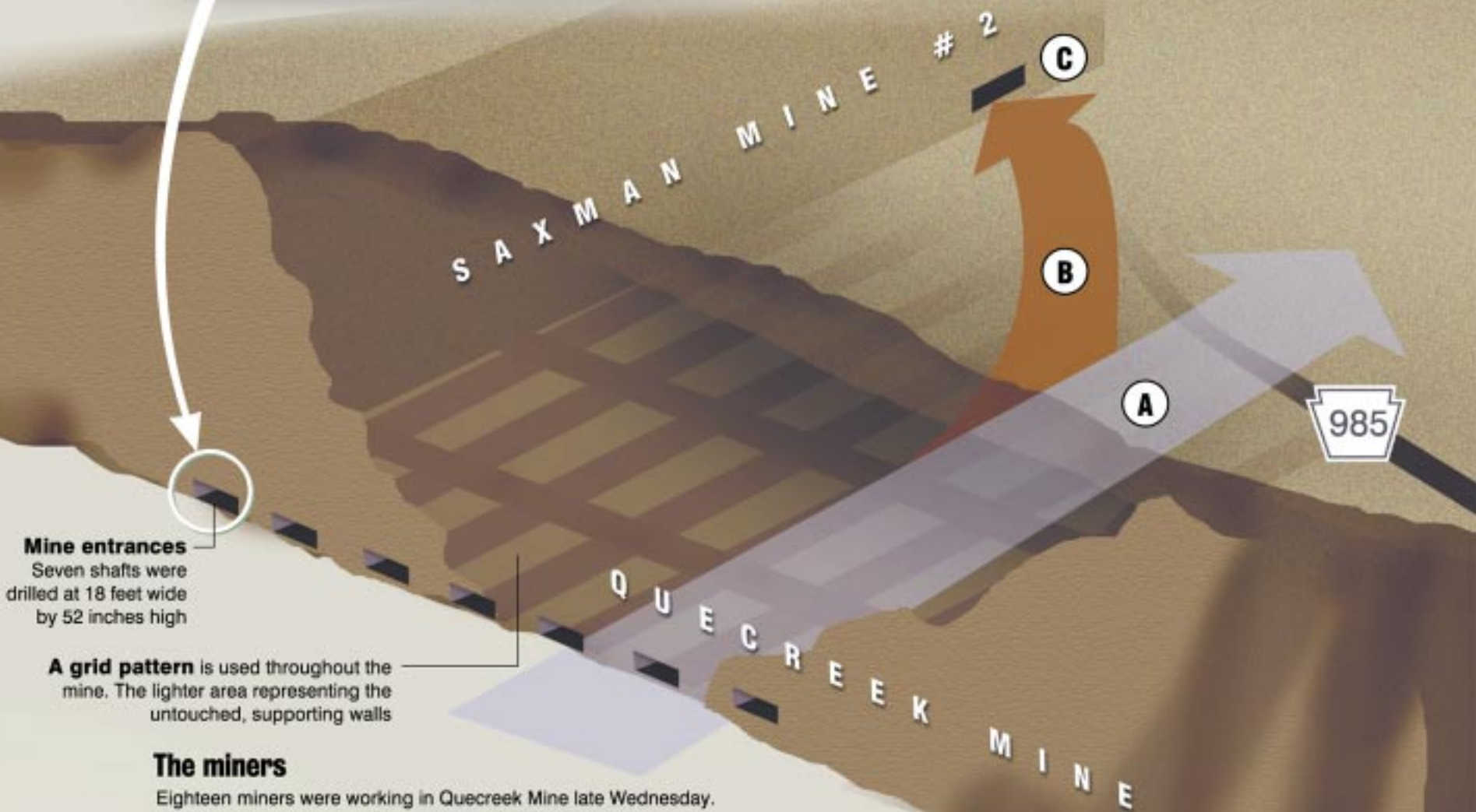
Rescuers race to save miners



The rescue effort

Rescue workers are drilling holes in the ground to try and supply **oxygen** to the trapped miners. In addition, they are also **pumping water** out of the mine shaft.

Late yesterday afternoon, workers began drilling a **36" hole** in an attempt to lower rescue workers to the trapped miners.



Mine entrances

Seven shafts were drilled at 18 feet wide by 52 inches high

A grid pattern is used throughout the mine. The lighter area representing the untouched, supporting walls

The miners

Eighteen miners were working in Quecreek Mine late Wednesday. While nine were digging in a straight path (**A**), nine others took another route (**B**), eventually coming to the walls supporting the Saxman #2 mine. The crew unknowingly dug through the wall (**C**), releasing a rush of water.

