



**Rescue shaft 1**

**Rescue shaft 2**

**Nine decompression chambers** acclimate the miners to normal air pressure and protect them from experiencing symptoms similar to the "bends" once the miners are returned to the surface.

**Airlock** is secured at the top of the shaft opening to maintain pressure in the air bubble.

**Air supply**

**Drill bit**  
 •Weighs 1,500 pounds  
 •Made of carbide steel

Surface equipment and shafts not to scale.

**40 feet of soil**

**Drill #2** was at about 48 feet at approximately 10 p.m. yesterday.

**First attempt**  
 Drill bit breaks at a depth of 105 feet. Hours later, the bit is removed and drilling resumes.

**Warm air** is pumped through a 6-inch hole to maintain the air bubble and warm the miners.

**200 feet of rock**

**Rescue capsule** is lowered by a crane into the escape shaft and removes one man at a time.

92 inches

24-inch diameter

Water is being pumped out from the mine entrance and at a site 2 miles north. Water level is decreasing at approximately 1 foot per hour, but officials did not know if water levels were decreasing at the miners' location.