

UNITED STEELWORKERS DEMAND JUSTICE FOR THE PASTA DE CONCHOS MINE DISASTER

65 mine workers were killed in an explosion at Grupo Mexico's Pasta de Conchos mine on February 19, 2006. The bodies of 63 workers have never been recovered, the families have received inadequate or no compensation and those responsible for the incident have never been investigated or charged by the authorities. A special committee of the International Labour Organization (ILO), in a report issued in April 2010, concluded that "the Government of Mexico did not do all that was reasonably expected of it to avoid or minimize the effects of the accident which had such devastating effects with the loss of life of as many as 65 miners." The widows and families of the 65 mine workers that died are calling for:

-Access to the mine to enable a Christian burial of the 63 miners that remain underground.

-Compensation to the families of the deceased, which should include:

-The wages of each worker until they receive a Christian burial

-Full scholarships for the education of orphaned children, not dependent on grade averages -An investigation into the causes that led to the explosion and the punishment of those responsible for the killings and into the authorities who stopped the rescue effort after only 5 days.

VICTIMS OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2006 PASTA DE CONCHOS MINE EXPLOSION

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