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Cowin & Company, Inc.



A Leader in Mining Construction
Since 1924

HISTORY

Specializing in Underground Construction since 1924, Cowin & Company, Inc. has been in the business of giving customers what they want for more than 80 years. This tradition began with mining engineer Percy G. Cowin who established the Birmingham-based company in 1924.

Most of Cowin's mine construction during the 1930's and 1940's was in Alabama and surrounding states. With the decline of coal and iron ore mining in the 1950's and 1960's, the company diversified, turning to highway, railroad, hydro and sewer tunnel engineering and construction. Diversification brought expansion into the mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states where clients quickly discovered Cowin's dependable reputation.

Today, John J. Cowin continues the leadership of the firm that his father founded. John entered the business after earning engineering degrees at Stanford University and the University of Alabama. Except for military service, he has spent his entire career in the underground construction industry.

TODAY

We have "in-house" the ability to do almost all phases of underground construction projects we undertake, including site preparation, grouting and other water control measures, exploration drilling, Shotcreting, concrete construction, setting of permanent equipment, machinery and piping.

Cowin's employees are experienced; most foremen have 15 to 25 years of service with the company. We are professionals.

- Cowin has completed literally thousands of projects, many of a very complex nature.
- Cowin is intent on meeting schedules. And we finish what we start.
- Night or day, Cowin will work to get the project done. We do mine construction for both metal and non-metal mining companies along with many coal mining companies. We've done small, emergency repair jobs lasting only a few days as well as major projects lasting several years.
- Cowin maintains a full fleet of work-ready equipment- from concrete forms to jumbos- to get the project done on time and within budget.
- Over 80 years of successful ventures, and skilled management, we have a stable reputation and the ability to obtain bonds for any work we contract.

SAFETY

Our employee's safety is the main emphasis of our company culture. It is the stated goal of the company to have continuous improvement and ZERO injuries.

The company commitment to safety encourages an environment that emphasizes comprehensive training with a teamwork approach and rewards for success. The key to this approach is our experienced supervisors. Our supervisors average over 20 years experience in the industry. The company commitment to safety involves training programs for Supervision and hourly employees.

The safety process at Cowin also encompasses subcontractors and suppliers. They are held to our rigid guidelines for project safety and must participate in the safety process. This includes a comprehensive substance abuse program.

The company safety program is overseen by a company officer with over 20 years experience in the industry. He works closely with MSHA, OSHA, our insurers and employees.