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Research grants to study fire hazards in mining

The Commission announced today a grant of 2.134.500 european units of account (£1.387.425) towards 15 research projects into safety in mines ,in several Community countries.

The grants are equivalent to 60% of the total cost of each project.

The projects in Britain and their total cost are as follows:

- National Coal Board, Harrow	The development of one or more small scale laboratory tests, to determine the fire resistance properties of textile carcass conveyer belts.	£ 36,500
- National Coal Board, Bretby	Research into fire-resistant greases.	£ 87,630
- National Coal Board, Bretby	Fire detection - development of sensors and systems.	£ 25,815
- National Coal Board, Bretby	A study of frictional ignitions at the face.	£135,795
- National Coal Board, Bretby	The use of radio and electro magnetic communications in underground rescue operations.	£ 97,675
- British Steel Corporation, Scunthorpe	Strata control in iron-stone mines.	£ 48,910
- National Coal Board, Bretby	Non-destructive testing of mine haulage ropes.	£104,480
- National Coal Board, Bretby	The operation and safety of brakes on winding engines and winches.	£108,798