

ITP Hooded-Reflector Hand Lamp

Todd Town

If Arizona has a surplus of one mining artifact, it would have to be ITP hand lamps. I've seen many headframe crew photos with hundreds of miners in them. Most of them have a well used Dewar hand lamp.

Arizona has its fair share of wet mines with miles and miles of piss ditches. Millions of dollars were spent to remove water from the work areas. I've never seen a single hooded reflector lamp in a photo or talked with any retired miners who spoke of using or seeing one.

The lamp pictured is the first complete wet-mine carbide hand lamp I've found. I question if it was used in a mine. I see it more in use as a hunter's camp light. I do not see the reflector holding up for any length of time and at a cost of \$4.00 each, the lamp was probably not popular with Arizona miners.

