

From the Assistant Secretary's Desk
Recognizing Workers' Memorial Day -
April 28th

April 28 is a day that many recognize as Workers Memorial Day. It is a time for all of us to stop and remember the workers who have been injured, became ill or never returned home from work. For the men and women who live and work in mining communities, this remembrance happens far more often than it should.

This day is also an opportunity for those of us in the mining community to recommit ourselves to do what we can to improve mine safety and health so that those who choose mining as a career will have a better workplace.

At MSHA, and across the mining industry, people have dedicated themselves to improving safety in our nation's mines. Mine safety is about preventing the conditions that cause accidents, illness and injury. It is about making mining better for miners, their families and the mining community. And while progress has been made, there is more work to be done as we endeavor to protect our miners from injury, illness and death.

I encourage everyone to take a moment to pay tribute to those individuals who have chosen mining careers and who have been injured, become ill or lost their lives while at work. One of the best ways we can honor them is by continuing our efforts to improve health and safety conditions in the nation's mines so that miners can go to work, do their jobs, and return home to their families safe and healthy at the end of every shift.