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## MSHA Approves Proximity Protection System for Mining Industry

**SHINNSTON, W.Va.** – On Wednesday, Aug. 16, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and members of the mining industry will demonstrate a newly approved proximity protection system at the Repair King Inc., maintenance facility in Shinnston, W.Va.

The Nautilus International system provides continuous mining machines with automatic proximity detection and shutdown to guard against mine personnel being run over, crushed or pinned when they are positioned in a hazardous area. Since 1984, there have been 29 fatal accidents related to the use of remote-control continuous mining machines.

**EVENT:** Demonstration of New Nautilus International Proximity Protection System

**PARTICIPANTS:** Mine Safety and Health Administration  
Nautilus International  
Massey Energy Co.  
Repair King Inc.

**DATE:** Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006

**TIME:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**LOCATION:** One Lincoln Center  
Shinnston, W.Va.

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