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U.S. Department of Labor's MSHA Hiring New Mine Inspectors in West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland

Applicant Screenings to be held Jan. 20 and 21 in Morgantown, W.Va.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. —The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing efforts to hire new mine inspectors by conducting on-site applicant screenings Jan. 20 and 21, 2007, starting at 7 a.m., at MSHA's district office, 604 Cheat Road, Morgantown, W.Va.

"MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "We're looking for qualified people who will continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry."

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. The agency is recruiting coal mine inspectors for surface, underground and electrical positions in Bridgeport and Morgantown, W.Va.; St. Clairsville, Ohio; and Oakland, Md.

Walk-in candidates are welcome to attend, subject to space availability, and all persons attending the screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at www.msha.gov to confirm the status of the screenings before traveling to the site.

Applicants will be notified of test results and selected candidates will participate in a two-year formal training program. Applicants must be able to efficiently perform arduous duties. Selected applicants at the GS-9 level will receive a starting salary of about \$43,000 annually. For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

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