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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA to Hire More Mine Inspectors in Kentucky

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) today announced the availability of additional coal mine inspector positions for duty stations in Elkhorn City, Hindman, Martin, Phelps, Pikeville and Whitesburg, Ky. Interested citizens should register and apply through the MSHA Web site at www.msha.gov prior to the Feb. 16, 2007 deadline. Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA will conduct an on-site applicant screening in Pikeville, Ky., to test and interview all registered applicants.

"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."

On-site employment screenings will be held March 2, 3 and 4, and space will be limited. To register, go to www.msha.gov, and click on "[Jobs at MSHA](#)." Select vacancy announcement number MSHA-07-030-KY-D6, and follow the instructions for submitting an application. Qualified candidates will receive a reserved seat at the on-site employment screening in Pikeville. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and will be based on the date applications are received and processed through the Web site.

Applicants should indicate the locations for which they are interested in applying and whether or not they are claiming veteran's preference. Incomplete applications that do not include phone numbers, addresses, as well as information on citizenship and basic qualification requirements cannot be considered. All participants should bring photo identification and a completed resume along with them to the applicant screening.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Candidates who are selected will participate in a formal two-year training program. Successful candidates should be able to perform arduous duties and expect a starting salary of about \$43,000 annually. In addition to a 40-hour work week with generous annual and sick leave, selected candidates will receive health, life and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspecting mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners.

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