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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA Seeks to Hire Mine Inspectors *Mine Inspector Positions Available in Southwest Virginia*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing its efforts to hire new mine inspectors by conducting on-site applicant screenings March 9 through 11, 2007, at the Oxbow Center, 16620 E. Riverside Drive, St. Paul, Va., for duty stations in Norton and Vansant, 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. Applicants must be able to efficiently perform arduous duties.

Walk-in applicants are welcome to attend, subject to space availability, and everyone attending the screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Applicants should 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. Selected candidates will participate in a two-year formal training program and, at the GS-9 level, will receive a starting annual salary of about \$43,000. For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

Applicant screenings are scheduled as follows:

March 9, 2007 -- Testing Sessions ONLY -- No Interviews

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. EST and end at 8:00, when testing will begin.

Registration will begin at noon EST and end at 1 p.m., when testing will begin.

Each candidate who passes the tests will be scheduled for an interview on Saturday or Sunday morning.

March 10 and 11, 2007

Registration for all candidates will begin at 7 a.m. EST and end at 8 a.m., when testing will begin.

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