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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks new mine inspectors in Pennsylvania *Coal mine inspector positions available in Wilkes-Barre, Pottsville and Shamokin*

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 Wilkes-Barre, Pottsville and Shamokin, Pa. Interested citizens should register and apply online through MSHA's Web site prior to the June 1 deadline. MSHA is recruiting for surface, underground and electrical positions.

"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."

Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA will conduct applicant screenings to test and interview registered applicants interested in any of the position locations. The screenings will be held in Indiana, Pa., on June 15 and 16. Space will be limited.

To register, go to www.msha.gov and click on "Jobs at MSHA." Select vacancy announcement number MSHA-07-055-D1 and follow the instructions for submitting an application. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, which will be determined by the dates 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. Applications that do not include phone numbers, addresses, and/or information on citizenship and basic qualification requirements cannot be considered. Each applicant should bring photo identification and a complete resume to the applicant screening.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program. They should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary of about \$43,000. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered 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 inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners.

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