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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks new mine inspectors in Kentucky *Positions available in Elkhorn City, Hindman, Martin, Phelps, Pikeville and Whitesburg*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing its efforts to hire new coal mine inspectors by conducting applicant screenings June 9 and 10 at Pike Central High School, 1901 U.S. Highway 119 North, Pikeville, for positions in Elkhorn City, Hindman, Martin, Phelps, Pikeville and Whitesburg, Ky.

This screening is intended to recruit candidates for underground and electrical positions only under MSHA's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program. Interested citizens who have not previously registered via the agency's Web site are welcome to attend as walk-ins, subject to space availability. Registration will begin at 7 and testing will begin at 8 a.m. EDT.

"We're looking for qualified people who can help us to continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "This agency needs individuals who want to dedicate themselves to our mission and help us eliminate hazards that threaten working miners."

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.

Everyone 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.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program. Successful candidates 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.

For additional information, please visit www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

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