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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks to hire mine inspectors for positions in New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia *Applicant screenings scheduled July 14 and 15 in Charlottesville, Va.*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing its efforts to hire new metal and nonmetal mine inspectors by conducting applicant screenings July 14 and 15 in Charlottesville, Va., for general and electrical positions in Manchester, N.H.; Albany and Geneva, N.Y.; Warrendale and Wyomissing, Pa.; and Charlottesville, Va.

The screenings will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel, 990 Hilton Heights Road in Charlottesville. Interested citizens who have not previously registered via MSHA's Web site are welcome to attend, subject to space availability. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and testing will begin at 8 a.m. EDT each day.

"We're interested in hiring individuals who want to dedicate themselves to our mission and help us eliminate hazards that threaten working miners," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "This agency needs motivated professionals eager to help us continue to protect the mining industry's number one resource: 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. Recruitment is taking place under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program. For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

Everyone attending a screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check MSHA's 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.

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