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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks to hire new mine inspectors in Louisiana *Metal and nonmetal positions available in Denham Springs*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is seeking to hire new federal mine inspectors for positions in Denham Springs, La. Applicant screenings for metal and nonmetal positions will be held Dec. 1 and 2 in New Iberia, La., at Occupational Safety Training Inc. Interested citizens who have not previously registered via MSHA's Web site are welcome to attend, subject to space availability.

"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. "This agency needs motivated individuals eager to help us continue to protect our nation's 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 within the range of \$35,752 to \$68,787. 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.

Occupational Safety Training Inc. is located at 1209 Tool Drive in New Iberia. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and testing will begin at 8 a.m. CDT.

For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

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