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## **Mine rescuers prepare to test their skills in simulated mine emergency** *Nearly 40 teams to participate in biannual competition*

**RENO, Nev.** – In the event of a mine fire, roof collapse or explosion, mine rescue teams may be tapped to search for colleagues disoriented by toxic gas, trapped beneath layers of rock or severely injured. The teams undergo rigorous training to develop skills that often save lives. Those skills will be put to the test July 27 through 29 at the 2010 Metal/Nonmetal National Mine Rescue Contest, held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada. The contest is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration and will feature 38 teams from 16 states, including eight teams from Nevada.

“Mine rescue teams are essential to the safety and health of our nation’s miners,” said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for MSHA. “They spend countless hours preparing for an emergency they hope never happens and they hold themselves to the highest standards, even in competition.”

The contest consists of several events. In the field competition, teams must navigate through a simulated mine emergency while judges rate them on how well they adhere to mine rescue procedures and how quickly they complete specific tasks. In the first aid contest, emergency medical technicians tackle real-life scenarios. The technician team must make necessary checks of equipment to see that it works properly, including multi-gas instruments, self-contained breathing apparatuses, portable communication systems, and other available mine rescue equipment and supplies.

At the conclusion of the three-day event, an awards banquet will be held Thursday evening at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno.

Following this release is a complete list of competing mine rescue teams.

To see photographs and contest winners, go to  
<http://www.msha.gov/MineRescue/CONTEST/2010MNM/2010HOME.asp>.

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<b>COMPANY NAME</b>	<b>TEAM NAME</b>	<b>MINE NAME</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>ST</b>
American Gilsonite Co.	American Gilsonite	American Gilsonite Co.	Bonanza	Utah
Barrick Gold	Barrick Cortez	Barrick Cortez	Crescent Valley	Nev.
Barrick Gold Corp.	Turquoise Ridge	Turquoise Ridge		
	Team #2	Joint Venture	Golconda	Nev.
	Turquoise Ridge	Turquoise Ridge		
Barrick Gold Corp.	Team #1	Joint Venture	Golconda	Nev.
Barrick Goldstrike	BGMI Team 1	Goldstrike	Elko	Nev.
Barrick Goldstrike	BGMI Team 2	Goldstrike	Elko	Nev.
Cargill Deicing Technology	Salty Cajuns	Avery Island Mine	Avery Island	La.
Cargill Deicing Technology	Team Cayuga	Cayuga Mine	Lansing	N.Y.
Cargill Deicing Technology	Whiskey Island	Cleveland Mine	Cleveland	Ohio
Carmeuse Lime and Stone	Maysville Raiders	Maysville Operation	Maysville	Ky.
Carmeuse Lime and Stone	Black River Bandits		Butler	Ky.
Climax Molybdenum - Henderson Operations	Henderson Mine			
	Rescue	Henderson Mine	Empire	Colo.
FMC	FMC White Team	FMC 8 Shaft	Green River	Wyo.
FMC	FMC Red Team	FMC 8 Shaft	Green River	Wyo.
General Chemical (Soda Ash) Partners	General Chemical	General Chemical		
	Black Team	Mine	Green River	Wyo.
General Chemical (Soda Ash) Partners	General Chemical	General Chemical		
	Blue Team	Mine	Green River	Wyo.
	Hollister Mine			
Great Basin Gold	Rescue	Hollister Mine	Winnemucca	Nev.
Hecla Limited	Lucky Friday	Lucky Friday	Mullan	Idaho
Hecla Mining Co.	Hecla Greens Creek	Greens Creek	Juneau	Ark.
Hutchinson Salt Co.	Hutchinson Salt Co.		Hutchinson	Kan.
Intrepid Potash, New Mexico LLC	Blue Team - Intrepid	Intrepid Potash	Carlsbad	N.M.
	Kettle River-			
Kinross Gold Corp.	Buckhorn	Buckhorn Mine	Republic	Wash.
Morton Salt	Team Texas	Kleer Mine	Grand Saline	Texas
	Weeks Island Mine			
Morton Salt Co.	Rescue	Weeks Island	New Iberia	La.
Mosaic Potash Carlsbad Inc.	Mosaic Black Team	Mosaic Carlsbad	Carlsbad	N.M.
Mosaic Potash Carlsbad Inc.	Mosaic White Team	Mosaic Carlsbad	Carlsbad	N.M.
Newmont Mining	Newmont Carlin	Carlin	Elko	Nev.
Newmont Mining	Newmont Midas	Midas	Elko	Nev.
OCI Wyoming L.P.	OCI Blue	Big Island Mine	Green River	Wyo.
OCI Wyoming L.P.	OCI White	Big Island Mine	Green River	Wyo.
SMM Pogo LLC	Pogo Mine Rescue	Pogo Mine	Delta Jct.	Ark.
Solvay Chemicals Inc.	Solvay Chemicals	Solvay Chemicals	Green River	Wyo.

	Blue			
	Solvay Chemicals			
Solvay Chemicals Inc.	Silver	Solvay Chemicals	Green River	Wyo.
The DOE Run Co.	Doe Run Maroon	SEMO	Viburnum	Mo.
The DOE Run Co.	Doe Run Grey	SEMO	Viburnum	Mo.
		Bolingbrook		
Vulcan Materials	Vulcan Blue	Underground	Naperville	Ill.
Washington TRU-		Waste Isolation Pilot		
Solutions	WIPP Red Team	Plant (WIPP)	Carlsbad	N.M.
Washington TRU-		Waste Isolation Pilot		
Solutions	WIPP Blue Team	Plant (WIPP)	Carlsbad	N.M.