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## MSHA announces results of November impact inspections

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration today announced that federal inspectors issued 250 citations, orders and safeguards during special impact inspections conducted at 12 coal and 10 metal/nonmetal mine operations last month.

These inspections, which began in force during April following the explosion at Upper Big Branch Mine, involve mines that merit increased agency attention and enforcement due to their poor compliance history or particular compliance concerns, including high numbers of violations or closure orders; indications of operator tactics, such as advance notification of inspections that prevent inspectors from observing violations; frequent hazard complaints or hotline calls; plan compliance issues; inadequate workplace examinations; a high number of accidents, injuries or illnesses; fatalities; and adverse conditions such as increased methane liberation, faulty roof conditions and inadequate ventilation.

During November’s impact inspections, coal mines were issued 114 citations, 11 orders and one safeguard. For metal/nonmetal mines, 113 citations and 11 orders were issued. Since April, MSHA has conducted impact inspections at 182 coal and metal/nonmetal mines.

During an inspection conducted during the week of Nov. 15 at Lehigh Permanente Cement Co. Mine in Santa Clara County, Calif., MSHA issued 30 citations and six orders to the company. Five 104(d) orders were issued, including a violation for a supervisor’s failure to de-energize electrically powered equipment prior to removing a guard. Another 104(d) order was issued for unsafe access where inadequately secured steel plates could have fallen on miners or delivery drivers accessing a storage area; this hazard had been reported to mine management two weeks earlier. A 104(b) order was issued for failure-to-abate in a timely manner a fall protection violation, in which miners working at the top of a mill were exposed to an approximately 36-foot drop to the concrete below. Sixty percent of the citations and orders were significant and substantial violations. So far this year, MSHA inspectors have issued 185 citations and 21 orders at this mine.

“MSHA’s impact inspection program is helping to reduce the number of mines that consider egregious violation records a cost of doing business,” said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. “We will continue using this important enforcement tool to protect the nation’s miners.”

**Editor’s note:** A spreadsheet containing the entire results of November’s impact inspections accompanies this news release.

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### Master MSHA Impact Inspection List

(November 2010) / Revised 01/07/2011 \*

November 2010

Coal

Mine Information						Type of Issuance				S&S Information				Issuances - Type of Action								Justifications													
District	State	Mine ID	Controller Name	Operator Name	Mine Name	Cit	Orders	Safe-guards (Coal only)	Total	S&S	Non-S&S	Total	S&S Rate	104(a)	104(b)	104(d)(1) Citation	104(d)(1) Order	104(d)(2)	314(b)	103(k)	104(g)(1)	103(j)	107(a)	Total	1. Operator Tactics	2. Hazard Complaints /Hotline Calls	3. Plan Compliance Issues	4. Inadequate Exams	5. Accidents, Injuries, Illnesses	6. Fatal Accidents	7. Enforcement History	8. Adverse Conditions			
DISTRICT 01	PA	3607805	John W Rich Jr.	Waste Management & Processors Inc	W M P I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
DISTRICT 02	PA	3608603	J Clifford Forrest III	Rosebud Mining Company	Tracy Lynne	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
DISTRICT 03	WV	4609060	David M. Raynard	Ten-Mile Coal Co., Inc	#4 Mine	11	0	0	11	6	5	11	54.55%	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11										
DISTRICT 04	WV	4609154	Massey Energy Corporation	White Buck Coal company	Pocahontas Mine	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1										
DISTRICT 05	VA	4406499	Sunoco, Inc.	Dominion Coal Corporation	Dominion No 7	21	3	0	24	11	13	24	45.83%	21	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	24			1	1	1					
DISTRICT 06	KY	1517720	Rodney Bentley; Ted Thornsberry	TRC Mining Corp	#2	26	2	1	29	13	15	28	46.43%	26	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	1		1	1							
DISTRICT 06	KY	1519048	James River Coal Company	McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corp	Mine #15A	5	1	0	6	5	1	6	83.33%	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	1								
DISTRICT 07	KY	1518182	Horace Garrison Hill	D & C Mining Corp	D & C Mining Corp	11	2	0	13	3	10	13	23.08%	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13							1	1			
DISTRICT 08	IN	1202215	Alliance Resource Partners LP	GIBSON COUNTY COAL LLC	GIBSON MINE	22	3	0	25	9	16	25	36.00%	22	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25		1					1	1			
DISTRICT 09	CO	0504591	Bowie Resources LLC	Bowie Resources LLC	Bowie No. 2	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	50.00%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2									1		
DISTRICT 10	KY	1517741	Robert E Murray	KenAmerican Resources Inc	Paradise #9	10	0	0	10	4	6	10	40.00%	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10						1					
DISTRICT 11	AL	0100347	Walter Energy Incorporated	Taft Coal Sales & Associates Inc.	Choctaw Mine	4	0	0	4	0	4	4	0.00%	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4							1				
<b>12</b>						<b>National Totals</b>				<b>114</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>41.60%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Metal/Nonmetal

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NC	IL	1102658	Richard L Nelson	Tri-Con Materials, Inc	Hennepin Pit	14	0	0	14	1	13	14	7.14%	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14											
RM	AZ	0200988	Cemex S A	Cemex Construction Materials South LLC	Cemex-19th Ave	3	0	0	3	1	2	3	33.33%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		1									
SC	OK	3400056	Lattimore Properties Inc	Lattimore Materials Company	Stringtown Crusher Plant #67	9	0	0	9	6	3	9	66.67%	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9											
WE	CA	0404075	Heidelberg Cement AG	Lehigh Southwest Cement Co.	Lehigh Permanente Co.	30	6	0	36	21	14	35	60.00%	30	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	36											
WE	WA	4502518	Harbor Rock Inc	Harbor Rock Inc	Portable Harbor Rock	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	50.00%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2											
WE	CA	0405222	American Sierra Gold Corporation	Gold Run Enterprises	Discovery Day Mine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
WE	NV	2601621	Yukon-Nevada Gold Corp	Queenstake Resources	Jerritt Canyon Mill	22	1	0	23	16	7	23	69.57%	21	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	23											
WE	NV	2602535	Great Basin Gold	Rodeo Creek Gold	Hollister Mine	12	0	0	12	6	6	12	50.00%	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12											
NE	OH	3300172	Wysong Stone Company	Wysong Stone Company	Wysong Stone Co.	12	3	0	15	9	6	15	60.00%	12	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	1		1							
<b>9</b>						<b>National Totals</b>				<b>103</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>53.98%</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Note: 04-05222 Discovery Day Mine Under MSHA Closure Order

<b>Running Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>National Totals</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>47.48%</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>
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\* Caldwell Stone's Danville Mine & Mill (Mine ID: 15-00009) has been removed