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             Ben Gandy, Mining
             Dale Ingold, Industrial & Systems
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             Walt Slomski, Mining
             Andy Yanik, Mining
             Brandon Boring, General
Safety and Health Specialist – Duane Wease
Office Automation Assistant – Carlene Falck
Engineering Technician – Michelle Jones
What We Do

- Mine Rescue Technologies
- Accident Investigation Assistance
- Incident Reduction Program
- Litigation Support
- Technical Assistance
- Accident Research and Associated Preventative Measures
- Innovative Product Evaluations
- Miner’s Tips and Safety Ideas
- MSHA Slogan Challenge
The Internet

www.msha.gov

Accident Prevention Website
Miner’s Tips
Safety Ideas
Innovative Products
New Technologies
Safety Improved through Prevention?

Fix the Root Cause!
Incident Reduction Program

Mines that have high accident rates or have had close calls.

- Voluntary grass roots program
- Interview all miners anonymously
- Observing work habits
- Observing work area
- Formulate plan to reduce accidents
- Year long effort / not a flavor of the month
- Results; 44% reduction in accident rates
Miner Act
Insuring the Maintenance of Miners in Emergency Situations

- Refuge Alternatives Rulemaking
- PIB 07-03
- Communication / Tracking – non-approval
- Litigation assistance
- Interim criteria
- Shelter materials
- Technical assistance to Enforcement
Post Mine Emergency Technology

- Breathable Air
- Refuge Alternatives
- The Great Escape system
CLOSE UP VIEW OF AN ENTRANCE TO ESCAPE SYSTEM

The escape system contains:
- battery powered prime mover
- personnel carriers
- communication / tracking

Diagram showing a close-up view of an entrance to an escape system, including a door, regulator, and designated areas for personnel carriers and battery-powered prime movers.
Accidents

Coordinate Technical Support Assistance for accident investigations

Assist Enforcement in:
- Root cause analysis,
- Official report preparation,
- Subsequent litigation assistance,
- Related hazard awareness efforts
We all have the same goal – to send each and every miner home in the same condition which they arrived for that shift.