

Safety Summit for Small Coal Mines

Chief Logan Lodge, Logan, WV, September 17, 2008

Federal and State officials in cooperation with several state associations would like to announce the first Safety Summit for Small Coal Mines to expand communications and health and safety information with the mining industry and mine workers. The meeting will occur on September 17, 2008 in Logan, WV at the Chief Logan Lodge and is aimed at underground coal mines with less than 50 miners. The goal of this meeting is to supply attendees with the most up-to-date information on a wide variety of safety issues important to small mines operating in the West Virginia and Kentucky region.

Presentations will cover a range of topics important to small coal mine operations including communication, mine sealing, breathing apparatuses, mine rescue, trapped miner location, refuge chambers, deep cover retreat mining, and coal mine bumps. Two state-specific workshops for West Virginia and Kentucky mining operations will be presented concurrently. For more information on presentations and workshops, see the detailed itinerary listed below. The meeting is sponsored by the 1) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 2) Mine Safety and Health Administration, 3) West Virginia Coal Association, 4) West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training, 5) Kentucky Coal Association, 6) Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing, and 7) Coal Operators and Associates.

The seminar will be held at the Chief Logan Lodge, Hotel and Conference Center in Logan, WV (Phone: 304-855-6100). Special room rates are \$70. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Please contact the Chief Logan Lodge, by 08/29/08 for reservations and reference the Safety Summit for Small Coal Mines. For more information about the meeting contact Lou Prosser, NIOSH, P.O. Box 18070, Pittsburgh, PA, 15236-0070 (Phone: 412-386-4423).

There is no cost for this meeting but you must register with NIOSH to attend.

**First Safety Summit for Small Coal Mines
Itinerary and Invited Speakers
Chief Logan Lodge, Logan, WV, September 17, 2008**

7:00 a.m. Registration

7:45 a.m. Welcome: **Chris Hamilton**, WV Coal Association

8:00 a.m. MORNING SESSION (Presentations)

1. **Overview of Small Mines, Issues and Answers**, Kevin Burns, MSHA and Jeff Welsh, NIOSH
2. **Communications**, David Chirdon, MSHA and Dave Snyder, NIOSH
3. **Sealing and/or Ventilating Abandoned Areas**, John Urosek, MSHA
4. **Breathing Apparatuses (SCSR's training/use)**, Mike Brnich, NIOSH, Ricky Boggs, MSHA and Bob Stein, NIOSH

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. MORNING SESSION (continued)

5. **Mine Rescue**, Norman Page, MSHA
6. **Trapped Miner Location**, Keith Heasley, WVU
7. **Refuge Chambers**, Eric Bauer, NIOSH and Howard Epperly, MSHA
8. **Deep Cover Retreat Mining**, Chris Mark, NIOSH
9. **Bump Hazard Recognition and Prevention Controls**, Tony Iannacchione, NIOSH

12:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 p.m. AFTERNOON SESSION - Two Concurrent Workshops

KENTUCKY WORKSHOP (workshop organizers - Johnny Green, KY Office of Mine Safety and Licensing and Norman Page, MSHA District 6)

Guidance for Meeting New Mining Regulations – Kentucky Coal Operations

- Compliance with The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing annual retraining requirements for Mine Foreman
- Additional State inspection requirement
- OMSL requirement for a Family Liaison for accidents
- Compliance with the provisions of the mine rescue portion of the Miner Act and OMSL Mine Rescue Teams

WEST VIRGINIA WORKSHOP (workshop organizers - Ron Wooten, WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training and Robert Hardman, MSHA District 4)

Guidance for Meeting New Mining Regulation – West Virginia Coal Operations

Discussions will include refuge chambers, mine seals, mine rescue and mining communication systems.

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