

Courses for MSHA and the Mining Industry



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Welcome

Welcome to the 2027 edition of *Courses for MSHA and the Mining Industry* provided by the National Mine Health and Safety Academy in Beaver, West Virginia.

The Academy is the world's largest educational institution devoted to the health and safety of the miners in the mining industry. Courses are taught by Academy faculty, associate instructors and specialists from the mining industry, trade associations, colleges and universities, manufacturers, and other government agencies.

This catalog provides a listing of the many useful and practical courses available to individuals and groups interested in mine health and safety.

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History

Protecting those who work in our Nation's mines requires an awareness and understanding of the conditions that endanger their health and safety.

This concern was recognized more than 140 years ago when a proposal for a Federal Mining Bureau was submitted to Congress. It was not until nearly five decades later that a series of deadly mine explosions led to passage of the Organic Act of 1910. That Act created the Bureau of Mines.

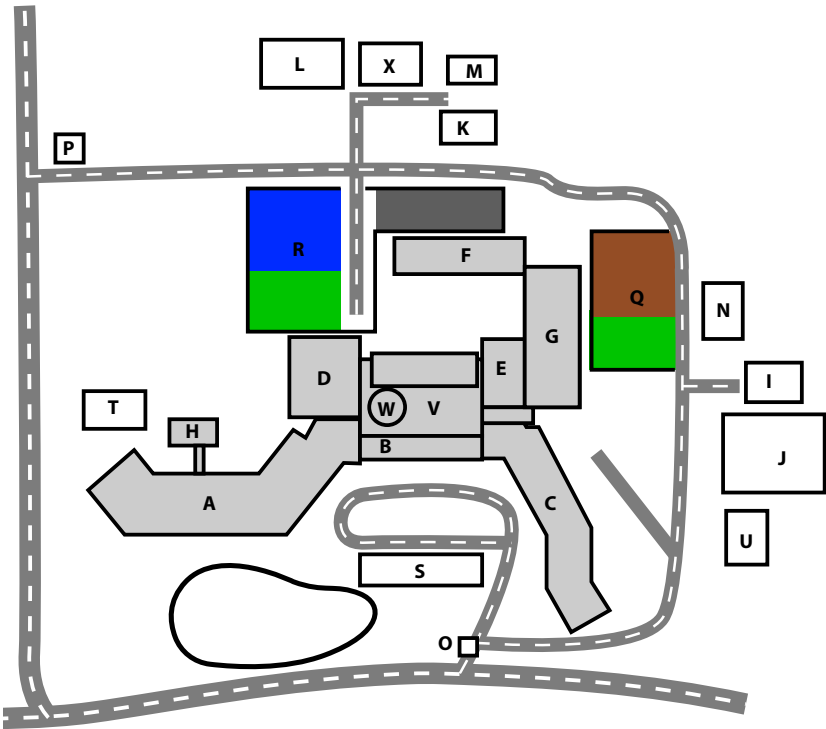
Laws passed over the next 60 years enlarged the scope of legislation aimed at reducing mining hazards. The Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969 contained provisions for the training of Federal mine safety and health inspectors, as well as establishing education and training for states, mine operators, and miners. The Federal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1977 broadened these provisions to include metal and nonmetal mining. The National Mine Health and Safety Academy supports the requirements of the 1977 Act, and the newly enacted Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006.

The Academy's Purpose and Goal

The mission of the Academy is to design, develop, and conduct instructional programs that will assist in government, industry, and labor efforts to reduce injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the mineral industries.

All of the Academy's programs, seminars, and courses are prepared with one objective in mind – to improve health and safety conditions of mines through education and training. This is the Academy's goal. It is the aim of the Academy to help reduce mine accidents and unsafe or unhealthy working conditions in the mining industry through advancing education and training focused on mine safety and health.

Academy Map



- A – A Building / Dormitory
- B – B Building / Administration Office
- C – C Building / Classroom Wing
- D – Gymnasium / Beckley Field Office
- E – E Building / Electrical Laboratory
- F – F Building / National Air and Dust Laboratory
- G – G Building / Instructional Materials Distribution Center
- H – Swimming Pool
- I – Mine Emergency Operations #1
- J – Mine Simulation Lab
- K – Beckley District Office
- L – Blue Falcon Mining Building
- M – Butler Building
- N – Mine Emergency Operations #2
- O – Guard House
- P – Rear Guard House
- Q – Parking Lot No. 1
- R – Parking Lot No. 2
- S – Reserve Parking
- T – Tennis Court
- U – Fire Pad / Burn Tunnel
- V – Cafeteria
- W – Auditorium
- X – Warehouse Facility

- Green Parking – Staff
- Brown Parking – General
- Blue Parking – Overnight Guests
- Gray Parking – Longterm, Oversized, & Academy Vehicles

Academic Programs

MSHA Training

Newly hired MSHA mine safety and health inspectors receive Entry-Level Training (ELT). ELT is comprised of training modules taught at the Academy, required on-line prerequisite courses, and on-the-job training in the field. This Training prepares new inspectors in the technical aspects of mine inspections, regulatory requirements, with an emphasis in mine safety and health. Additional courses such as effective communications and professionalism are taught as well as other subjects.

Journeyman (JM) retraining provides current technical and regulatory information to journeyman mine safety and health inspectors to continue to effectively serve the mining community. The Academy also presents courses to provide journeyman with more in-depth training on specific subjects.

Technical Specialists receive training in a variety of subjects so that they remain informed regarding current technical and regulatory information.

The Academy offers computer training on various software applications to MSHA personnel and others from the mining industry and other government agencies.

Training for Industry

All Academy courses are open to participants from throughout the mining community. These programs are taught by Academy and visiting outside instructors and specialists from the mining industry, trade associations, colleges and universities, manufacturers, and other government agencies. Seminars, workshops, and conferences are offered during the year, both at the Academy and at sites throughout the country.

Many courses provide certification or qualification to persons who conduct mandated examinations.

Examples of courses available to the industry are Electrical Safety for Miners, Hoists and Elevators, Instructor Training Workshop (Part 48), Construction and Repairs Safety, Mine Elevator Inspection Program Training, Noise Hazards, Regulation and Procedures, and Surface Facilities and Coal Preparation. In addition, the Academy will develop and teach additional courses for industry and interested participants if valid requests are made.

Training activities in the Mine Simulation Laboratory include mine rescue, firefighting, mine emergency response, simulated inspections, ventilation, roof control, haulage, supervisory training, and mine examination. Students come from MSHA, other Federal and state agencies, industry, labor organizations, and international mining delegates.

Academic Life

Class Attendance

Classes are informal and dress is business casual. However, due to safety concerns, proper personal protective equipment (PPE) should be worn to Academy classes that include mine labs and mine field trips. You may wish to bring formal business attire for the graduation ceremony or other activities.

A typical class day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. All other day classes end by 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise scheduled.

Units of Credit/Certificates of Participation

Students may receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) upon completion of an Academy course or program. One CEU is 10 contact hours of participation in an educational experience. The Academy does not grant degrees, however CEUs may be converted into college credit hours at other educational institutions.

Students who satisfy the course requirements or program criteria for successfully completing courses of study receive a Certificate of Completion documenting the course title, date, and CEUs. Certificates are not given for individual entry level and journeyman level classes.

Academic Dishonesty

The student can be dismissed from the Academy for cheating, dishonesty, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the Academy.

Withdrawal

The student may withdraw from an Academy program without penalty because of injury or other extenuating circumstances. If you withdraw, you will not receive credit for the courses of study in which you were enrolled.

Transcripts

You may request (in writing) a copy of your academic record. Your request must include your full name and complete address. Submit your request to:

National Mine Health and Safety Academy
Student Services
1301 Airport Road
Beaver, West Virginia 25813-9426

Student Life

Food Service and Student Store

Academy food service offers complete meals in a cafeteria setting. You may choose from a selection of freshly prepared entrees and desserts with a full range of beverages available to complement your meal. There is also a made-to-order deli and a salad bar. Heart-healthy and vegetarian selections are also available as well. Food service personnel can assist persons who may have special dietary needs. The cafeteria is open weekdays for breakfast from 6:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Academy students have access to a laundry area located in the dormitory wing. Vending machines are located throughout the Academy for students and guests. Problems with vending machines can be addressed by contacting the Food Service Director at (304) 256-3553.

The student store, located next to the cafeteria, has a wide variety of sundries, souvenirs, and gifts. The food service and student store accept all major credit cards.

Wellness Department Hours

Pool Hours are Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Gym Staff Hours Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For Your Health and Safety

Please observe all posted speed limits and all traffic and parking signs. If you need emergency medical attention, please dial ext. 555 and an Academy personnel will arrange for an ambulance. If there is no answer, dial 911 (Raleigh County Emergency Operations Center) and request medical assistance.

Assistance in completing accident health insurance claim forms for Federal students may be obtained from your class coordinator or a responsible staff person on duty after normal duty hours.

You play an important part in accident prevention at the Academy. Should you see an actual or potential safety hazard, please report it to an instructor, class coordinator, or any Academy staff person.

Pets of any kind are prohibited on all Academy grounds, except for certified service animals accompanying people with impairments. Persons who are authorized to bring a service animal to the Academy must ensure the service animal is under their control at all times and are required to clean up any waste on Academy property caused by their service animal.

Mail

You can send or receive mail (Monday through Friday) at the Residence Hall registration desk. Our mailing address is:

National Mine Health and Safety Academy
1301 Airport Road
Beaver, WV 25813-9426

Security

When you arrive at the Academy you are required to stop at the main gate before entering the campus. Please have a personal photo identification card ready to present to the security guard. An ID Card must be displayed and worn while at the Academy. Additionally, security guards will issue a color coded parking permit. Display this card on your vehicle dashboard and park in the area designated on the permit.

Fees and Billing

All Academy fees are reviewed periodically and subject to change.

Tuition

The Academy will charge tuition fees to all persons attending Academy courses, except employees of Federal, State, or local governments, persons attending the Academy under a program supported through an MSHA State grant, and persons performing a direct service.

When attending a scheduled course as a stand-alone participant, the tuition is \$120.00 for a full day and \$60.00 for a half day. When requesting a course listed in this catalog for a group, the tuition is \$500 for a full day or \$250 for a half day (minimum and maximum student numbers may be required). If a course is requested to be held on site rather than the Academy, the tuition fee is \$500 per full day or \$250 for a half day, plus travel and lodging reimbursement for Academy instructor(s).

The tuition amount is due on arrival by credit card. We regret that **we cannot accept cash.**

****As of October 2025 we no longer accept checks.**

Lodging

All persons in residence at the Academy, except MSHA personnel, other persons performing a direct service for MSHA, and persons attending a program supported through an MSHA State Grant, are charged for lodging. Lodging is only permitted for MSHA employees who are attending a course, event or on official business, and approved persons.

The lodging fee is \$57.50 per day for an individual and is due on arrival by credit. We regret that **we cannot accept cash.**

Persons staying at the Academy may have their spouses and immediate family as guests provided all appropriate fees are paid on arrival. The fee for spouses and children 18 years of age and older is \$18.75. Children under the age of 18 are free and must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Advance reservations are required.

If you have special needs, please contact Student Services at 202-693-1000 ext 19003 before your arrival.

Travel to the Academy

Located on a plateau in Beaver West Virginia, the Academy blends into its Appalachian mountain setting. Scenic vistas and wildlife greet travelers to the Academy, and students experience a restful environment.

Several travel options are available:

By Air

Beckley, West Virginia – The Raleigh County Memorial Airport is located 1 mile from the Academy.

Charleston, West Virginia – The Yeager Airport is located 65 miles north of the Academy. Rental cars are available.

Lewisburg, West Virginia – The Greenbrier Valley Airport is located 47 miles east of the Academy. Rental cars, taxis, and limousines are available.

By Train

AMTRAK provides tri-weekly service to and from Prince, West Virginia – located 16 miles from the Academy. Taxi service meets all trains.

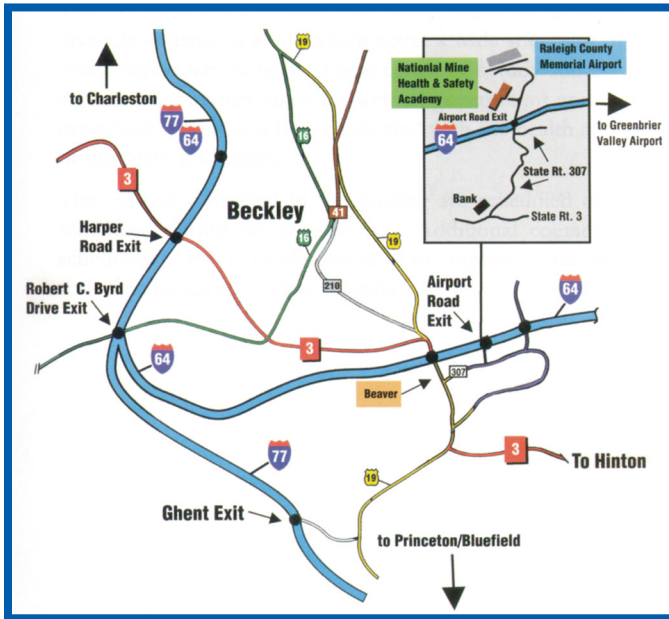
By Bus

Daily **Greyhound** service is available to and from Beckley – located 8 miles from the Academy in downtown Beckley. Taxi service is available.

By Car

See **Route Map** to the Academy on page 12.

Route Map to the Academy



Arriving from the NORTH

- » When using U.S. 19 South, go to and follow I-77 South, exit at I-64 East
- » Follow I-64 to Exit 125B, Airport Road
- » Academy is 1 mile on left

Arriving from the EAST

- » When using I-64 West, use Exit 125, Beaver/Airport Road
- » Turn RIGHT at bottom of ramp
- » Academy is 1 mile on left

Arriving from the SOUTH

- » When using I-77 North, exit and follow I-64 East
- » Use Exit 125B, Airport Road
- » Academy is 1 mile on left

Arriving from the WEST

- » When using I-64 East, use Exit 125B, Airport Road
- » Academy is 1 mile on left

Training Courses

The National Mine Health and Safety Academy develops and presents courses of study which cover a wide spectrum of mine health and safety subjects. These courses address training needs of miners, mine safety and health inspectors, government and industry personnel, and others concerned with the health and safety of our Nation's miners.

The courses described in this catalog are scheduled or can be scheduled during the coming year. Additional courses can be scheduled to meet specific needs of miners, mine operators, and mine health and safety specialists.

Please contact Student Services at 202-693-1000 ext 19003 if you are interested in attending any course listed as "Scheduled Upon Request." A list of students requesting the course will be maintained by that office until a sufficient interest is received. All students will then be notified and a date will be established to hold the training.

Courses can be scheduled for on-site training or can be held at the National Mine Academy.

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ANNUAL RETRAINING FOR IMPOUNDMENT QUALIFICATION

[IM602C] MSHA/INDUSTRY

This course provides the annual retraining requirements for qualified impoundment mine safety and health inspectors. Impoundment mine safety and health inspectors are required to receive annual retraining in accordance with the requirements specified in the Code of Federal Regulations [30 CFR 77.107-1(b)].

Please Note: MSHA Qualification and Certification no longer accepts Social Security Numbers on the application form that you must fill out in order to receive your qualification for impoundment inspection card after successful completion of the course. You will need an MSHA Individual Identification Number, available by applying online at:

<https://www.msha.gov/support-resources/forms-online-filing/2018/05/23/request-msha-individual-identification-number-miin>

Contents:

- ◆ Reviews of Proper Inspection Procedures
- ◆ Signs of Impoundment Stress
- ◆ Instrumentation Monitoring
- ◆ Construction Monitoring
- ◆ Emergency Action Planning
- ◆ Foundation Analysis
- ◆ Geotechnical Investigations
- ◆ Breakthrough Potential Analysis

Course Length: .5 days

Dates: March 23, 2027

June 8, 2027

August 9, 2027

Scheduled upon request

ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING SYSTEM (AMS) WITH EMPHASIS ON FIRE PROTECTION

[EL603G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the Safety Standards which apply to the Automatic Fire Sensor and Warning Device Systems also known as an Atmospheric Monitoring System, covered under 30 CFR 75.1103 and 30 CFR 75.351, and changes made under the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (MINER Act). A hands-on session will be held at the Mine Simulation Lab to give the student a practical understanding of the system.

Contents:

- ◆ MSHA Handbook on AMS Inspection Procedures, Provided by the Instructor
- ◆ Installation and Calibration Requirements
- ◆ An In-depth Understanding of 30 CFR Application
- ◆ Hands-on Session in the Mine Simulation Lab
- ◆ PowerPoint Presentation on the Aracoma Disaster and Changes Made in Fire Prevention Since 2006.

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

BLASTING SEMINAR

[EX524G] MSHA and INDUSTRY

This seminar is designed for company managers, blasting engineers, blasters, state and Federal mine safety and health inspectors (coal and metal/nonmetal), and others involved with the planning, design, and use of explosives in the mining industry. The most recent blasting techniques, trends, and developments will be discussed. Participants will have the opportunity to share ideas in small group sessions.

Contents:

- ◆ Vibration Analysis/Seismographs/Efficient Blasting Techniques
- ◆ Storage of Explosives
- ◆ Handling and Use of Explosives
- ◆ Silica Dust and Toxic Gas Hazards in Blasting
- ◆ Blasting Agents and Emulsions

Course Length: 2 days

Dates: February 17-18, 2027

MSHA ELECTRICAL SPECIALISTS TRAINING

[EL41JM] *MSHA ONLY*

This course is designed for MSHA coal and metal/nonmetal Electrical Specialists to enhance their training and inspection skills. The course is customized annually to ensure inspectors are up-to-date on new policy and procedures. Classes covered normally are: Accident Review, Electrical Inspection Procedures, the new Proximity Safety Devices, and any current changes in the Electrical Field and Modifications.

Course Length: 3 days

Dates: April 6-8, 2027

COAL MINE DUST PERSONAL SAMPLING UNIT (CMDPSU) (GRAVIMETRIC/ELF PUMP) INITIAL MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION CERTIFICATION

[IHG613] *INDUSTRY*

This course provides the initial training for personnel who are required to calibrate and maintain a CMDPSU used to collect coal mine dust samples. Successful completion of this course certifies the participant to calibrate and maintain the CMDPSU under the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR Parts 70/71/90).

Contents:

Instruction in the Regulations Governing the Coal Mine Operator's Respirable Dust Sampling Program Using a CMDPSU Including:

- ◆ Responsibilities of the Certified Person for Maintenance and Calibration
- ◆ Properties of the Approved Sampling Unit
- ◆ Hands-on Instructions:
 - > Pump Calibration Procedures
 - > Maintenance Requirements
 - > Sampling Unit Inspection
 - > Pre-Shift Checks of Approved Sampling Unit

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

COAL MINE DUST PERSONAL SAMPLING UNIT (CMDPSU) (GRAVIMETRIC/ELF PUMP) INITIAL SAMPLING CERTIFICATION

[IHG612] *INDUSTRY*

This course provides the initial training for personnel who are required to sample with a CMDPSU to collect coal mine dust samples. Successful completion of this course certifies the participant to collect coal dust samples under the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR Parts 70/71/90).

Contents:

Instruction in the Regulations Governing the Coal Mine Operator's Respirable Dust Sampling Program Including:

- ◆ Responsibilities of the Certified Sampler
- ◆ Respirable Dust Sampling Procedures using a CMDPSU
- ◆ Approved Sampling Units
- ◆ Hands-on Instructions:
 - > Inspection
 - > Use

Course Length: 8 hours

Scheduled upon request

**COAL MINE DUST PERSONAL SAMPLING UNIT (CMDPSU)
MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION RECERTIFICATION
TEST**

[IHG603] *INDUSTRY*

The test is meant for persons who have a current certification for the Coal Mine Dust Personal Sampling Unit Maintenance and Calibration (gravimetric maintenance and calibration). To maintain certification, a person must pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in maintenance and calibration procedures every three years.

If your certification has expired, you must complete the applicable MSHA course of instruction and pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in maintenance and calibration procedures.

Course Length: 8 hours

Scheduled upon request / Testing Fee - \$20

**COAL MINE DUST PERSONAL SAMPLING UNIT (CMDPSU)
SAMPLING RECERTIFICATION TEST**
[IHG602] *INDUSTRY*

The test is meant for persons who have a current certification for the Coal Mine Dust Personal Sampling Unit (gravimetric sampling) (ELF pump). To maintain certification, a person must pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in sampling procedures every three years.

If your certification has expired, you must complete the applicable MSHA course of instruction and pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in sampling procedures.

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request / Testing Fee - \$20

CONTINUOUS PERSONAL DUST MONITOR (CPDM) INITIAL MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION CERTIFICATION

[IH409G] *INDUSTRY*

This course provides the initial training for personnel who are required to calibrate and maintain a CPDM used to collect coal mine dust samples.

Successful completion of this course certifies the participant to calibrate and maintain the CPDM under the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR Parts 70/71/90).

Contents:

Instruction in the Regulations Governing the Coal Mine Operator's Respirable Dust Sampling Program using a CPDM Including:

- ◆ Responsibilities of the Certified Person for Maintenance and Calibration
- ◆ Properties of the Approved Sampling Unit

Hands-on Instructions:

- ◆ Pump Calibration Procedures
- ◆ Maintenance Requirements
- ◆ Sampling Unit Inspection
- ◆ Pre-Shift Checks of Approved Sampling Unit

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request with a maximum of 14

**CONTINUOUS PERSONAL DUST MONITOR (CPDM)
MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION RECERTIFICATION
TEST**

[IHG608] *INDUSTRY*

The test is meant for persons who have a current certification for the Continuous Personal Dust Monitor (CPDM) Maintenance and Calibration. To maintain certification, a person must pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in sampling procedures every three years.

If your certification has expired, you must complete the applicable MSHA course of instruction and pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in sampling procedures.

Course Length: 1 day

***Scheduled upon request with a maximum of 14
Testing Fee - \$20***

CONTINUOUS PERSONAL DUST MONITOR (CPDM) INITIAL SAMPLING CERTIFICATION

[IH407G] INDUSTRY

This course provides the initial training for personnel who are required to sample with a CPDM to collect coal mine dust samples.

Successful completion of this course certifies the participant to calibrate and maintain the CPDM under the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR Parts 70/71/90).

Contents:

Instruction in the Regulations Governing the Coal Mine Operator's Respirable Dust Sampling Program Including:

- ◆ Responsibilities of the Certified Sampler
- ◆ Respirable Dust Sampling Procedures Using a CPDM
- ◆ Approved Sampling Units

Hands-on Instructions:

- ◆ Inspection
- ◆ Use

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request with a maximum of 14

**CONTINUOUS PERSONAL DUST MONITOR (CPDM)
SAMPLING RECERTIFICATION TEST**
[IHG600] *INDUSTRY*

The test is meant for persons who have a current certification for the Continuous Personal Dust Monitor (CPDM). To maintain certification, a person must pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in sampling procedures every three years.

If your certification has expired, you must complete the applicable MSHA course of instruction and pass the MSHA examination demonstrating competency in sampling procedures.

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request / Testing Fee - \$20

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

[EL301M] MSHA ONLY

This course is designed to provide practical methods and techniques to identify electrical hazards and the appropriate enforcement actions to be taken. This course is for MSHA metal/nonmetal inspection personnel with little or no electrical expertise.

Contents:

- ◆ Basic Electrical Theory
- ◆ Basic Circuitry
- ◆ Grounding
- ◆ Power Distribution Systems
- ◆ Inspection of Electrical Equipment
- ◆ Regulations and Policies
- ◆ Hazard Recognition
- ◆ Citations and Orders
- ◆ Personal Safety

NOTE: This course is not for Electrical Specialists.

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOR COAL MINERS

[EL707C] MSHA ONLY

This course is designed to provide practical methods and techniques to identify electrical hazards and the appropriate enforcement actions to be taken. This course is for MSHA coal inspection personnel with limited or no electrical expertise.

Contents:

- ◆ Basic Electrical Theory
- ◆ Basic Circuitry
- ◆ Hazard Recognition
- ◆ Grounding
- ◆ Power Distribution Systems
- ◆ Regulations and Policies
- ◆ Personal Safety
- ◆ Citations and Orders
- ◆ Inspection of Electrical Equipment
- ◆ Permissibility

NOTE: This course is not intended for Electrical Specialists.

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

ELECTRICAL SAFETY FOR METAL/NONMETAL MINERS

[EL602G] INDUSTRY

This course is designed to provide practical methods and techniques to identify electrical hazards and the appropriate enforcement actions to take to correct them. This course is for metal/nonmetal industry personnel with limited or no electrical expertise.

Contents:

- ◆ Grounding
- ◆ Power Distribution Systems
- ◆ Inspection of Electrical Equipment
- ◆ Regulations and Policies
- ◆ Hazard Recognition
- ◆ Personal Safety

NOTE: This course is not intended for Electrical Specialists.

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

FIRST AID/CPR/AED (AMERICAN RED CROSS)

[SF700G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

The purpose of the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED program for the lay responder is to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to help sustain life and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until advanced medical help arrives.

This program offers a choice of First Aid, CPR, and AED components and injury-control modules to meet the various training needs of those in workplaces, schools, or community settings.

Expiration: 2 Years

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

GROUND CONTROL HAZARDS

[RC301M] *INDUSTRY*

This course will focus on the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR) requirements related to ground control at surface and underground metal and nonmetal mines. The course provides techniques for the recognition and correction of ground control hazards.

Contents:

- ◆ Highwalls
- ◆ Stockpiles
- ◆ Basic Geology
- ◆ Rock Fixtures
- ◆ Surface Structures
- ◆ Underground Support
- ◆ Hazard Recognition
- ◆ Compliance Determination

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

Ground Control in Mining Seminar

[RC500G]

This seminar is designed for industry personnel. The seminar will include presentations and workshops that highlight improvements in ground control technology to increase the safety and productivity of new and existing underground mines. It will provide an overview of current ground control best practices, hands-on software training, and networking opportunities for coal and stone mining professionals and mining engineering students. Speakers include those from MSHA, academia, and the mining industry. MSHA Technical Support will also provide instructional compliance assistance workshops highlighting the tools that are used to develop roof and ground control plans, including those in modern complex multiple seam and deep cover coal reserves.

Contents:

- ◆ Pillar and Mine Design
- ◆ Roof and Rib Ground Control Strategies
- ◆ New Ground Support Product Development
- ◆ Rock Mass Characterization and Risk Assessment
- ◆ Numerical Modeling Developments and Applications
- ◆ Operator Case Histories
- ◆ Subsidence Issues
- ◆ Multiple Seam Mining and Coal Bursts

Course Length: 2 days

HAULAGE (SURFACE) (MNM)

[HL302G] *INDUSTRY*

Haulage accidents have been one of the leading causes of fatal accidents for several years at our Nation's surface mines. This course teaches how to recognize the hazards that may exist in surface haulage.

Contents:

- ◆ Compliance Determination of 30 CFR Parts 56/57.9000 and 56/57.14000
- ◆ Inspection Procedures for Surface Mining Equipment
- ◆ Use of Signs and Traffic Control on Mine Property
- ◆ Haul Road Design
- ◆ Brake Systems
- ◆ New Technology (Video Cameras)
- ◆ Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS)
- ◆ Falling Object Protective Structures (FOPS)
- ◆ Tire and Rim Safety
- ◆ Overview of Fatal Accidents

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

HAULAGE (SURFACE) (COAL)

[HL301C] *INDUSTRY*

Haulage accidents have been one of the highest categories of fatal accidents for several years at our Nation's surface mines. This course teaches the recognition of hazards that may exist in surface haulage.

Contents:

- ◆ Compliance Determination of 30 CFR Parts 77.400 and 77.1600
- ◆ Inspection Procedures for Surface Mining Equipment
- ◆ Use of Signs and Traffic Control on Mine Property
- ◆ Haul Road Design
- ◆ Brake Systems
- ◆ New Technology (Video Cameras)
- ◆ Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS)
- ◆ Falling Object Protective Structures (FOPS)
- ◆ Tire and Rim Safety
- ◆ Overview of Fatal Accidents

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE: SAMPLING FOR RESPIRABLE SILICA DUST AND NOISE

[IH621M] *INDUSTRY*

(offered on site only)

This class, developed in cooperation with the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, **is to be scheduled at your worksite**. It involves two days of classroom work and a full day of on-site sampling for silica and noise. It prepares miners and mine operators to conduct ongoing sampling. Results of noise sampling are available immediately; dust samples require analysis in the laboratory, and the cost of analysis is picked up by the mine operator.

Contents:

- ◆ Hazards of Silica and Noise
- ◆ Introduction to Industrial Hygiene
- ◆ Sampling Equipment and Techniques Laboratory
- ◆ Record Keeping
- ◆ Calculations
- ◆ Controls

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request with a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 15.

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP (PART 48)

[GS641G] INDUSTRY

This course is intended to improve the instructional skills, abilities, and knowledge of mine trainers. Participants will be required to select, develop, and present a 15-minute training segment on a health or safety topic in 30 CFR Part 48.

Approval as a Part 48 instructor is a two-part process. (1) You must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the subjects that you will be teaching. This is generally accomplished by submitting an application to your local MSHA District Manager showing your mining experience and education. (2) You must demonstrate that you have the ability to teach. Successful completion of this course will assist you in meeting this requirement. There are no prerequisites for this course. Mining experience is helpful.

Contents:

- ◆ Principles of Adult Instruction
- ◆ Developing Objectives and Developing Criterion Test Items
- ◆ Outlining the Training Content
- ◆ Determining the Instructional Methods
- ◆ Developing and Using Training Aids
- ◆ Developing a Lesson Plan
- ◆ Using Facilitation Skills
- ◆ Part 48 Requirements

Course Length: 3 days

Dates:

October 6-8, 2026 On-Site
November 3-5, 2026 On-Site
December 8-10, 2026 Virtual
January 12-14, 2027 Virtual
February 9-11, 2027 Virtual
March 16-18, 2027 On-Site

April 13-15, 2027 On-Site
May 11-13, 2027 Virtual
June 1-3, 2027 On-Site
July 20-22, 2027 Virtual
August 17-19 2027 On-Site
September 21-23, 2027 Virtual

Introduction to DOL/MSHA

[MS701G] MSHA ONLY

Are you aware of any employees who may be interested in expanding their knowledge about the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)? If so, we have a new program that will do just that. It is the Introduction to DOL and MSHA program. The National Mine Health and Safety Academy is excited to offer this program.

The program is designed to provide introductory courses for newly hired MSHA employees who are interested in learning more about the agency and mining. It is a day-and-a-half program and will be delivered virtually using MS Teams.

Contents:

- ◆ Intro to Mining History
- ◆ Intro to the Mine Act
- ◆ Intro to DOL/MSHA

Course Length: 1.5 days

Dates: (offered quarterly)

INTRODUCTION TO MINING

[MS701G] *INDUSTRY*

The mining industry fulfills the important function of providing society's raw materials. Increasingly, mining has become more complex, due to rapid technological changes and comprehensive regulations. This complexity coupled with the industry's rich and traditional use of unique terminology can make understanding mining difficult for persons unfamiliar with it.

This course introduces participants to the broad scope of mining, and is for those with little or no mining knowledge. It will provide participants with a working understanding of the various aspects of the industry.

Contents:

- ◆ Mining Terminology
- ◆ Mineral Exploration and Geology
- ◆ Description of the Different Mining Methods
- ◆ Coal Preparation and Mineral Processing

Health and Safety Regulations including:

- ◆ Ground/Roof Control
- ◆ Ventilation and Dust Control
- ◆ Haulage and Hoisting
- ◆ Personal Protective Equipment
- ◆ Mapping
- ◆ Mine Examinations
- ◆ Electricity
- ◆ Explosives
- ◆ Industrial Hygiene

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

LAW/REGULATION/POLICY, CITATION/ORDER WRITING, INSPECTION PROCEDURES

[LP710G] *INDUSTRY*

This course is designed for anyone in the mining industry to gain a better understanding of enforcement procedures used to protect the health and safety of all miners. The course reviews handbooks, policy, and procedures used to enforce the Mine Acts (1977/2006) and 30 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations.) Each course will be designed for either coal or metal/nonmetal. Classroom activities and discussions will blend in with researching materials covered.

Contents:

- ◆ Inspection
- ◆ Notetaking
- ◆ Pictures
- ◆ Discussion of Violations at Issuance and evaluating the issuance
- ◆ Determining Root Cause
- ◆ Research of Regulations/Policy/Procedures

Course Length: 2-3 days

MICROSOFT® EXCEL 2021 – ADVANCED

[CT702G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

This course requires a prior knowledge of at least the Basic Excel course and includes hands-on work in the Computer Laboratory.

Covers the following more advanced Excel topics:

- ◆ Work With Multiple Worksheet and Workbooks
- ◆ Use Lookup Functions and Formula Auditing
- ◆ Share and Protect Workbooks
- ◆ Automate Workbook Functionality
- ◆ Create Sparklines and Map Data
- ◆ Forecast Data

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MICROSOFT® EXCEL 2021 – BASIC

[CT700G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

Microsoft® Excel 2021 is a spreadsheet program that can be used to organize, analyze and attractively present data, such as a budget or sales report. This course requires a prior knowledge of computers. Classroom activities include hands-on work in the Computer Laboratory.

Contents:

- ◆ Excel Basics
- ◆ Enter and Edit Data
- ◆ Perform Calculations
- ◆ Modify a Worksheet
- ◆ Format a Worksheet
- ◆ Print Workbooks
- ◆ Manage Workbooks

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MICROSOFT® EXCEL 2021 – INTERMEDIATE

[CT701G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

Microsoft® Excel 2021 is a spreadsheet program that can be used to organize, analyze and attractively present data, such as a budget or sales report. This course requires a prior knowledge of computers and the Basic Excel course. Classroom activities include hands-on work in the Computer Laboratory.

Contents:

- ◆ Work With All Functions
- ◆ Work With Lists
- ◆ Analyze Data
- ◆ Visualize Data With Charts
- ◆ Use Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MICROSOFT® POWERPOINT 2021 – BASIC

[CT711G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

Microsoft® PowerPoint 2021 is a presentation program that allows users to create overhead slides, speaker notes, audience handouts and outlines -- all in a single presentation file. PowerPoint offers powerful tools to help create and organize a presentation step by step. This class includes hands-on work in the Computer Laboratory, and development of a sample presentation.

Contents:

- ◆ Identify the Basic Features and Functions of PowerPoint
- ◆ Create a Presentation Using Suggested Content and a Design Template
- ◆ Browse Through a Presentation
- ◆ Perform Advanced Text Editing Operations
- ◆ Add Graphical Elements to your Presentation
- ◆ Modify Objects in Your Presentation
- ◆ Add Tables and Charts to Your Presentation
- ◆ Rearrange Slides in a Presentation
- ◆ Check Spelling and Presentation Styles
- ◆ View a Presentation
- ◆ Create a Folder to Store a Presentation
- ◆ Prepare to Deliver Your Presentation

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MICROSOFT® WORD 2021 – ADVANCED

[CT702G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

Microsoft® Word 2021 is a word-processing program that is used to compose and update a wide range of business documents. It offers many desktop-publishing features that let you enhance the appearance of documents. This course requires a prior knowledge of computers. Classroom activities include hands-on work in the Computer Laboratory.

Contents:

- ◆ Use Images in a Document
- ◆ Create Custom Graphic Elements
- ◆ Collaborate on Documents
- ◆ Add Reference Marks and Notes
- ◆ Secure a Document
- ◆ Create and Manipulate Forms
- ◆ Create Macros to Automate Tasks

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MICROSOFT® WORD 2021 – BASIC

[CT703G] *MSHA/INDUSTRY*

Microsoft® Word 2021 is a word-processing program that is used to compose and update a wide range of business documents. It offers many desktop-publishing features that let you enhance the appearance of documents. Word also has the power and flexibility to produce professional documents quickly and easily. Classroom activities include hands-on work in the Computer Laboratory.

Contents:

- ◆ Create a Document
- ◆ Format Text and Paragraphs
- ◆ Use Tools such as Find and Replace, Format Painter, and Styles
- ◆ Enhance Lists by Sorting, Renumbering, and Customizing List Styles
- ◆ Create and Format Tables
- ◆ Insert Graphic Objects into a Document, Including Symbols, Special Characters, Illustrations, Pictures, and Clip Art
- ◆ Format Appearance of a Page Through Borders and Colors, Watermarks, Headers and Footers, and Page Layout
- ◆ Use Word Features to help Identify and Correct Problems with Spelling, Grammar, Readability, and Accessibility

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MICROSOFT® WORD 2021 – INTERMEDIATE

[CT704G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

Microsoft® Word 2021 is a word-processing program that is used to compose and update a wide range of business documents. It offers many desktop-publishing features that let you enhance the appearance of documents. This course requires a prior knowledge of computers. Classroom activities include hands-on work in the Computer Laboratory.

Contents:

- ◆ Organize Content Using Tables and Charts
- ◆ Customize Formats Using Styles and Themes
- ◆ Insert Content Using Quick Parts
- ◆ Use Templates to Automate Document Formatting
- ◆ Control the Flow of a Document
- ◆ Simplify and Manage Long Documents
- ◆ Use Mail Merge to Create Letters, Envelopes, and Labels

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MINE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND REPORT WRITING

[IV301G] MSHA ONLY

This course is designed for coal, metal/nonmetal, technical support, EPD, and other MSHA individuals. It covers the basic guidelines, procedures, and techniques used to investigate and report on accidents and other incidents involving health and safety in the mining industry.

Classroom activities and discussions cover reasons for investigations, the investigative process, data collection, accident reconstruction, proper analysis for corrective actions, and completion of investigative reports following MSHA guidelines and policies. Students will conduct a simulated accident investigation and prepare a report. **Students should bring their laptop computers or tablet.**

***Due to cumulative nature of course material, if a student misses any portion of the class, he/she may be required to return to a subsequent class. Enforcement students must have completed entry-level inspector training at least one year prior to the class date.**

Contents:

- ◆ Overview of Accident Investigation
- ◆ Pre-Investigation Activities
- ◆ MSHA's Accident Investigation Procedures Handbook
- ◆ Accident Reconstruction
- ◆ Photography/Sketching
- ◆ Interviewing Techniques
- ◆ Data Collection and Evaluation
- ◆ Developing Conclusions and Corrective Actions
- ◆ Determining Root Causes/Report Writing

Course Length: 8 days

Dates: February 2-11, 2027 August 3-12, 2027
April 6-15, 2027 October 26 - Nov 4, 2027

MINE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY

[IV604G] INDUSTRY

This course is directed towards safety directors, managers, foremen, union safety committee persons, state mine inspectors, or mining industry (metal/nonmetal or coal) individuals involved in accident investigation. Course content covers basic guidelines, procedures, and techniques for the preparation and handling of investigations of accidents and other incidents involving health and safety in the mining industry.

Classroom activities and discussions cover reasons for accident investigations, the investigative process, data collection, accident reconstruction, and proper analysis for corrective actions.

Contents:

- ◆ Brief Review of MSHA's Accident Reporting Requirements
- ◆ Pre-Investigation Activities
- ◆ Accident Investigation Procedures
- ◆ Accident Scene Analysis
- ◆ Photography and Sketching
- ◆ Interviewing Techniques
- ◆ Finding Root Causes of Accidents
- ◆ Developing Corrective Actions

Course Length: 1 to 3 days

Scheduled upon request

MINE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIRS SAFETY

[MS616G] INDUSTRY

This course is designed for the mining construction industry, related support groups, mining regulatory agencies, and others that are involved with the planning, design, and application of mine construction and maintenance activities.

Contents:

- ◆ Accident Analysis and Prevention
- ◆ Effective Work Area Examinations
- ◆ Mobile Equipment Examinations
- ◆ Fall Prevention
- ◆ Basic Crane Safety
- ◆ Material Storage and Handling
- ◆ Conveyor Belt Safety
- ◆ Confined Space Safety
- ◆ Wire Ropes and Slings
- ◆ Surface Installations

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MINE EMERGENCY UNIT JOINT TRAINING

[MEU401] MSHA ONLY

This course is designed for MSHA mine rescue personnel who are charged with responding to mine emergencies, such as mine fires, explosions, and inundations. The training strengthens the readiness of team members, sharpens their skills, and tests their knowledge in a series of specialized emergency scenarios. The training also develops team member proficiency using the equipment required and more importantly, acclimates team members to the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus they will wear during a response through intense simulated mine emergency scenarios.

Event Agenda/Outline:

- ◆ Practices and Procedures
- ◆ Rescue and Recover Strategy
- ◆ Response Briefing
- ◆ Specialized Exercises
- ◆ First Aid/Bench Apparatus/Equipment Preparation

Course Length: 3 days

Dates: October 20-22, 2026

October 19-21, 2027

MINE EMERGENCY UNIT JOINT TRAINING

[MEU402] MSHA ONLY

This course is designed for MSHA mine rescue personnel who are associated with responding to mine emergencies, such as mine fires, explosions, and inundations. The training strengthens the readiness of team members, sharpens their skills, and tests their knowledge in a series of specialized emergency scenarios that focus on the deployment and function of the state-of-the-art Underground Communication System (UCS). The training also develops team member proficiency using the equipment required and more importantly, acclimates team members to the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus they will wear during a response through intense simulated mine emergency scenarios, which involve UCS deployment.

Event Agenda/Outline:

- ◆ Practices and Procedures
- ◆ Rescue and Recover Strategy
- ◆ Response Briefing
- ◆ Specialized Exercises
- ◆ Bench Apparatus/Equipment Preparation
- ◆ Underground Communication System Deployment and Function Procedures

Course Length: 3 days

Dates: April 20-22, 2027

MINE EXPLOSION PREVENTION

[VN701C] *MSHA/INDUSTRY*

This course will review the causes and prevention of underground bituminous coal mine explosions. Students will learn to identify and address conditions which are known to cause or propagate explosions. Applicable Federal mining laws will be discussed and explained.

Content will include but not limited to:

- ◆ Sources and Control of Coal Dust
- ◆ Accumulation of Combustible Material
- ◆ Rock Dust Application and Sampling

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

MINE HOIST AND ELEVATOR INSPECTION PROGRAM TRAINING

[HS606G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

This training module covers the inspection of mine hoist and elevators and the impact of the mine environment on critical hoist and elevator components. An emphasis will be made also on Mechanical Escape Facilities. It will enable the student to perform basic mine hoist and elevator inspections, focusing on critical safety concerns, including those identified in recent mine accidents. The material will be correlated to the applicable sections of 30 CFR, the ASME A17 Elevator Code, and a variety of information pertaining to wire ropes.

During the hands-on time, the student will be taught the proper way to measure a wire rope, when it is required, locations of measurements, and the “out of service” criteria for both wire ropes and their terminations. This course is for MSHA coal and metal/nonmetal mine safety and health inspectors and industry personnel.

Contents:

- ◆ Wire Rope Technology
- ◆ Terminations and Attachments
- ◆ Removal Criteria According to 30 CFR
- ◆ A Review of the ASME A17 Elevator Code
- ◆ Hazard Recognition
- ◆ Inspection Procedure
- ◆ Citation and Order Writing

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

MINE RESCUE TRAINING

[ME603G] *INDUSTRY*

This course is designed for mine rescue teams and mining industry personnel who may be associated with responding to mine emergencies, such as mine fires, explosions, and inundations. The major part of the training involves participation in exercises in the Mine Simulation Laboratory.

Contents:

- ◆ Mine Emergency Response Overview
- ◆ Mine Emergency Operations
- ◆ Mine Emergency Personnel
- ◆ Mine Emergency Communications and Decision Making
- ◆ Mine Emergency Practices and Procedures
- ◆ Mine Emergency Rescue and Recovery Strategy
- ◆ Tactical Implementation of Operations

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

MINE RESCUE VISIO MAPPING AND MAP SCORING TRAINING

[ME611G] *INDUSTRY*

This course is for all interested mine rescue team members, mine rescue problem designers, mine rescue map judges, and persons involved in mine accident investigation work. This class will be scaled and tailored to the students' specific needs. We will try to make the class as job related to each group as possible.

Contents:

- ◆ Introduction to Microsoft® Visio and saving the completed map or drawing. This will include downloading templates and stencils from MSHA.GOV and importing stencils.
- ◆ Review of drawing a scaled map or drawing.
- ◆ Review of map symbols (stencils) used for both mine rescue maps and accident investigation drawings.
- ◆ Adding layers within a drawing and assigning objects to a layer.
- ◆ Mapping of items or conditions encountered by a mine rescue or accident investigation team.
- ◆ Introduction into mine rescue contest map scoring protocols and procedures, including the use of scanner for scanning and saving "hand drawn" paper maps.
- ◆ Each student will receive a laminated "Visio quick reference card" to assist them in learning the shortcuts related to Microsoft® Visio.

The Visio Electric Mapping and Map Scoring Class is an eight (8) hour class. Participants may bring their own computers that are equipped with Microsoft® Visio 2010 or 2013 to the training class or computers will be provided by the National Mine Academy.

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request with a maximum of 6

MINE VENTILATION

[VN700C] *INDUSTRY*

This course will review the basic principles of underground coal mine ventilation along with applicable Federal mining laws.

Content will include but not limited to:

- ◆ Mine Fans
- ◆ Mine Gases
- ◆ Air Readings
- ◆ Ventilation Plans
- ◆ Mine Maps
- ◆ Bleeders
- ◆ Seals
- ◆ Ventilation Control
- ◆ Face Ventilation
- ◆ Outby Ventilation
- ◆ Scrubber

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

MSHA ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION RETRAINING

[IV782G] MSHA ONLY

This course is intended for MSHA accident investigators who have already completed the 8-day Mine Accident Investigation and Report Writing class (IV301G). This course will refresh and enhance the skills of MSHA accident investigators, and cover recent updates to accident investigation policies and procedures. Specific topics to be covered each year will vary in accordance with the needs of the agency.

Course Length: 3 days

**Dates: November 17-19, 2026
November 16-18, 2027**

MSHA DAM SAFETY SPECIALIST TRAINING JOURNEYMAN

**[IM01JM] MSHA, OTHER FEDERAL,
AND STATE ATTENDEES ONLY**

This course is designed for MSHA Impoundment Specialists to enhance their training and inspection skills. The course is customized annually to ensure inspectors are up-to-date on new policy and procedures.

Course Length: 3 days

Date: May 11-13, 2027

NATIONAL HOLMES MINING SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Holmes Safety Associations (HSA) and the Holmes Mine Rescue Association (HMRA) will meet in Kansas City, Missouri. This meeting will provide a variety of workshops about health, safety, and mine rescue presented by national and international experts representing all mining sectors.

Topics will include:

- ◆ Mine Rescue Training
- ◆ MSHA's Information Hub
- ◆ Entrapments and Confined Spaces
- ◆ New Mining Products
- ◆ Powered Haulage Accident Analysis
- ◆ Surface Mine Rescue Competitions
- ◆ Miner Training Challenges

Course Length: 4 days

Date: TBD

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NOISE HAZARDS, REGULATION, AND CONTROL

[IH321G] INDUSTRY

This course provides the participant with information on the hazards associated with overexposure to noise. It thoroughly reviews 30 CFR Part 62 and appropriate monitoring and control methods. The course also discusses the elements of an effective hearing conservation program.

Contents:

- ◆ Characteristics of Noise
- ◆ Impact of Noise on Health
- ◆ Noise Monitoring
- ◆ Sound Level Meters
- ◆ Dosimeters
- ◆ Octave Band Analysis
- ◆ Audiometric Examinations
- ◆ Noise Regulation - Compliance Discussion
- ◆ Exposure Levels
- ◆ Monitoring
- ◆ Hearing Conservation Programs
- ◆ Training Requirements
- ◆ Control Methods

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

OFF-ROAD TIRE SAFETY

[HL608G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

This course is designed for the mining, construction, industrial industries, related support groups, mining regulatory agencies, and others that are involved with application of mine construction, maintenance, and inspection of off-road tires. Thirty-six miners have lost their lives in the last twenty years due to off-road tire ruptures.

Contents:

- ◆ Accident Analysis and Prevention
- ◆ Effective Work Area Examinations
- ◆ Zones of Tires
- ◆ Tread, Crown, Sidewall, Bead Zone Examinations
- ◆ Identification of Common Tire Examinations
- ◆ Method of Examination
- ◆ Damage Zone Examples

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

QUALIFICATION FOR IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION

[IM601C] MSHA/INDUSTRY

This course provides the initial training for personnel who are required to inspect impoundments. Successful completion of this course qualifies the participant to inspect impoundments as required by the Code of Federal Regulations [30 CFR 77.216-3(g)].

Please Note: MSHA Qualification and Certification no longer accepts Social Security Numbers on the application form that you must fill out in order to receive your qualification for impoundment inspection card after successful completion of the course. You will need an MSHA Individual Identification Number, available by applying online at:

<http://www.msha.gov/forms/elawsforms/5000-46.htm>

Contents:

Introductory training on:

- ◆ Recognizing Deficiencies and Signs of Distress
- ◆ Failure Modes
- ◆ Foundation Analysis
- ◆ Geotechnical Investigation
- ◆ Breakthrough Potential Analysis
- ◆ Common Instrumentation
- ◆ Facility Configurations
- ◆ Field Hazard Classifications
- ◆ Reporting Requirements
- ◆ Inspection Forms

Course Length: 1 day

Dates: March 22, 2027

June 10, 2027

August 11, 2027

ROOF CONTROL SPECIALISTS TRAINING

[RC401C] MSHA ONLY

This training will update roof control specialists on new products and methods related to roof stability. It will also include presentations by personnel from Technical Support, MSHA headquarters, and other government agencies. All subjects will incorporate safe mining practices which will help reduce roof fall injuries and fatalities.

The training will discuss new roof control techniques, trends, developments, and new policy letters, program information bulletins, and procedure instruction letters related to inspections and the health and safety of the miner.

Course Length: 3 days

Dates: April 27-29, 2027

SAFETY CULTURE WITH A FOCUS ON MINER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

[SF702G] INDUSTRY

This course is designed to address the multiple responsibilities that all miners – including management, have in creating a safe and healthy workplace environment. It explores multiple elements of training, observation, and positive feedback while utilizing a team approach between miners, management, and safety agencies to prevent injuries and accidents. It also highlights the need to implement a behavior-based attitude towards a positive, goal driven company safety culture in addition to a detailed written safety plan. The goals of this course are to provide an opportunity for students to discuss safety culture and practice difficult scenarios without outside pressure or real-world issues.

Contents:

- ◆ Leadership and Accountability
- ◆ Hazard Identification and Risk Management
- ◆ Communication and Reporting
- ◆ Behavior-Based Safety (BBS)
- ◆ Learning from Incidents
- ◆ Measuring and Improving Safety Culture
- ◆ Mine Specific Case Study (if available)

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

SLOPE AND SHAFT SINKING SAFETY

[RC310G] *MSHA/INDUSTRY*

This course will include a description of the most common conventional slope and shaft construction process, the hazards associated with slope and shaft work, and inspection procedures. It will also discuss the hazards associated with hoisting and cover the inspection procedures for wire ropes.

Contents:

- ◆ Slope and Shaft Construction Process
- ◆ Ventilation
- ◆ Ground Control
- ◆ Hoisting
- ◆ Electrical
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Slope and Shaft Sinking Plans
- ◆ Inspection Guidelines
- ◆ Hazard Identification

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS RECERTIFICATION

[IV402G] MSHA ONLY

The Special Investigator (SI) specialist training class will provide initial training to ensure the investigator has a thorough understanding of Sections 105(c), 108, 110(c) and 110(d) of the Mine Act. The course will also provide instruction in interview techniques, evidence collection, and various other skills necessary to perform the duties of a Special Investigator. It will include instruction and presentations by TCIO, MSHA Headquarters, agents from the FBI, and other presenters when available.

Course Length: 8 days

Date: TBD

SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS TRAINING

[IV402G] MSHA ONLY

The Special Investigators (SI) class consists of two modules with Module I focusing on Sections 105(c) and 108 of the Mine Act as well as interview techniques and Module II focusing on Sections 110(c) and 110(d) of the Mine Act as well as evidence collection. This training will ensure the investigator understands the nature of the discrimination provisions of the Mine Act and will be able to define and describe the parameters of the protections afforded to miners, miners' representatives, and applicants for mining positions.

Participants will learn to recognize the components of Section 105(c), and be able to describe the rights provided to miners and the processes under the separate sections of the discrimination law appearing in the Act. The class will examine how to receive and process complaints under Section 105(c) of the Mine Act and present unique issues of case law, i.e., job refusal and temporary reinstatement. They will be able to identify, describe, and define Section 108, the injunctive relief criteria and will understand the extraordinary relief provided in the forms of permanent or temporary injunctions and temporary restraining orders.

Participants will be able to identify, describe, and define the relationships between Section 110 and the other provisions of the Mine Act; will recognize the various parts of Section 110 falling within their investigative authorities; and will be able to identify and describe the principles involved in and related to civil and criminal liabilities under Sections 110(c) and 110(d). Participants will also gain an understanding of Section 111 and Section 428 Black Lung Benefit Act.

Course Length: 5 Weeks

**Dates: Module I (3 weeks): February 23 - March 11, 2027
Module II (2 weeks): June 13 - 22, 2027**

SUPERVISOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN SAFETY AND ACCIDENT FATALITY PREVENTION

[GS734G] MSHA/INDUSTRY

This course is for new and experienced shift leaders, front line supervisors, mine management, or anyone responsible for directing the workforce and ensuring safety at mining operations. It focuses on the roles and responsibilities that supervisors and management have in accident and fatality prevention, as well as their obligations under the Mine Act.

This course includes accident and fatal reviews and why supervisor and management's role is critical in ensuring the health and safety of the miners, analyzing accident and fatal trends in mining and discussion of best practices in accident prevention. This course will also discuss what the agent of the operator's roles are in accident prevention and workplace safety with emphasis and discussion on what those are under the Mine Act. Definitions of key terms and concepts are covered, for example, what is a significant and substantial violation, understanding negligence and unwarrantable failure and how those can correlate to agents of the company violations. Additionally, discussions on the key areas supervisors and managers should focus on preventing accidents and a review of Coal and Metal Non-Metal workplace examination requirements will be discussed. Finally, the course will focus on Hazard Identification and Risk Control and proactively monitoring workplace behaviors with discussions on tools that can be proactively used

Contents:

- ◆ Accident and Fatal Review
- ◆ Supervisor Roles and Responsibilities in Accident and Fatality Prevention
- ◆ Metal Non-Metal Workplace Examinations
- ◆ Coal Workplace Examinations
- ◆ Identifying Hazards: Risk Control and Work Behavior

Course Length: 1 day ***Scheduled upon request***

SURFACE FACILITIES AND COAL PREPARATION

[PP601C] *INDUSTRY*

This course is designed to familiarize the student with equipment and processes used in coal preparation plants; hazards that might exist around preparation plants; and inspection requirements for such plants. This course has been expanded to include structural safety in an effort to eliminate surface structural failures in the mining industry.

Contents:

- ◆ Structural Safety
- ◆ Equipment Guarding
- ◆ Stockpile Safety
- ◆ Delivery Methods to the Plant
- ◆ Crushing, Sizing, and Washing Processes
- ◆ Dewatering and Drying
- ◆ Storage of Raw and Clean Coal
- ◆ Potential Hazards
- ◆ Preparation Plant Inspection

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

TAILINGS DAM AND WASTE PILE INSPECTION
– METAL/NONMETAL
[IM301G] *INDUSTRY*

This course will introduce the student to the general safety considerations for the design, construction, maintenance, and inspection of dams and waste piles.

Contents:

- ◆ Typical Geotechnical Investigations
- ◆ Foundation Analysis
- ◆ Breakthrough Potential Analysis
- ◆ Stability Analysis and Safety Factors
- ◆ Hydrologic and Hydraulic Considerations
- ◆ Construction Monitoring
- ◆ Identification of Deficiencies
- ◆ General Methods of Remediation
- ◆ Applicable Regulations

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

TRAM/NATIONAL MINE INSTRUCTORS SEMINAR

[GS501G] *INDUSTRY*

This seminar provides opportunities for health and safety trainers to improve their training programs with new materials and new ideas. The seminar will also include an exhibit of training materials developed by MSHA, state grants recipients, and the mining industry. Small workshops allow participants to interact with workshop leaders and other participants.

Featuring presentations from some of the industry's most respected safety trainers, this tuition-free conference helps health and safety trainers improve their training skills and infuse their training programs with new ideas and materials.

Contents:

- ◆ Innovative Instructional Techniques
- ◆ Instructional Technology and Computer Applications
- ◆ Underground Mine Safety (Metal/Nonmetal and Coal Topics)
- ◆ Surface Mine Safety (Metal/Nonmetal and Coal Topics)
- ◆ General Safety
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Ergonomics
- ◆ Supervisory Issues

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Course Length: 2.5 days
Date: TBD 2027

TUNNEL HAZARD RECOGNITION AND CONFINED SPACE RESCUE TRAINING

[MS602G] *INDUSTRY*

This course is designed for mine rescue teams and industry personnel who may be required to enter hazardous tunnels and/or conduct confined space entries. The course is both classroom and exercise based.

Exercises are conducted in the Academy Mine Simulation Laboratory utilizing both the simulated mine and the confined space entry tunnel training prop. The contents of the course are delivered in a classroom setting and practiced during hands on exercises and training exercises.

Contents:

- ◆ Gas Detection
- ◆ Ventilation
- ◆ Underground Communications
- ◆ Electrical Hazards
- ◆ Ground Control Hazards
- ◆ Unified Command
- ◆ Tunnel and Confined Space Exploration

Course Length: 3 days

Scheduled upon request

UNDERGROUND DIESEL EQUIPMENT/VENTILATION

[VN321C] *INDUSTRY*

This course provides the participants with techniques to conduct an evaluation of existing underground diesel mining equipment. Basic air sampling principles will be presented. The impact of diesel equipment on the mine ventilation system and the mine ventilation plan will be discussed. The health hazards associated with diesel equipment and diesel fuel will be examined.

Primary emphasis will focus on the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR) related to underground mining operations. The class will integrate technology with case studies and basic laboratory work.

Contents:

- ◆ Code of Federal Regulations Review
- ◆ Air Sampling Procedures
- ◆ Introduction to Basic Air Flow Measurement Techniques
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Health Hazards
- ◆ Proper Health Sampling Techniques
- ◆ Review of Diesel Technology

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

UNDERGROUND VENTILATION FOR METAL AND NONMETAL MINES

[VN303M] *INDUSTRY*

This course is designed to assist metal/nonmetal miners in the recognition and evaluation of health hazards and effective ventilation methods to eliminate these hazards.

Contents:

- ◆ Airborne Contaminants
- ◆ Sampling and Detecting Devices
- ◆ Hazard Controls
- ◆ Mine Maps
- ◆ Recognition of Areas That May Have Poor Air Quality
- ◆ Measuring Air Quantities
- ◆ Review of Ventilation Regulations

Course Length: 2 days

Scheduled upon request

VENTILATION SPECIALISTS TRAINING

[JM401C] *MSHA ONLY*

This course is designed for MSHA Ventilation Specialists to enhance their training and inspection skills. The course is customized annually to ensure inspectors are up-to-date on new policy and procedures.

Course Length: 3 days

Dates: May 4-6, 2027

WORKPLACE EXAMINATIONS

[VN611G] *INDUSTRY*

This course is designed for mine examiners. Discussion will focus on what the examiner should be looking for during a workplace examination. Applicable Federal mining laws will be discussed and explained.

Content will include but not limited to:

- ◆ Pre-shift Examinations
- ◆ Supplemental Examinations
- ◆ On-Shift Examinations
- ◆ Weekly Examinations
- ◆ Hazard Identifications

Course Length: 1 day

Scheduled upon request

MSHA Training

All newly hired MSHA mine safety and health inspectors receive entry-level training. This training covers technical aspects of mine inspection and additional topics such as effective communications and professionalism.

Entry-level MSHA inspectors will receive six modules of instruction (24 weeks total) at the Academy in conjunction with required web-based training and on-the-job training (OJT) sessions in the field.

This in-depth training is designed specifically for newly hired MSHA inspectors; however, it can be greatly beneficial to industry personnel wishing to gain more knowledge in mine safety training.

MSHA Journeyman inspectors are required 48 hours of re-training every two years to ensure that they remain up-to-date on current policy and procedure.

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I plan to attend the _____
course on the following dates: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

☐ I will ☐ I will not need lodging on these dates.

Name: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____
(area code) (area code)

E-mail address: _____

Confirmation will be emailed or faxed to you.

Confirmed by: _____ Date: _____

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Suggestion Form for New Courses

The National Mine Health and Safety Academy is committed to bring you the very best courses, seminars, and materials to meet your needs. To do this we need your help.

Please use the space below to let us know what you would like.

New courses or variations on existing courses:

Seminars: _____

Materials: _____

Area of interest: *Check those of interest.*

☐ Coal - Surface

☐ Coal - Underground

☐ Metal/Nonmetal - Surface

☐ Metal/Nonmetal - Underground

☐ Both

☐ Other (specify) _____

Name _____

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Other Available Catalogs

The Academy also has an electronic Catalog of Training Products for the Mining Industry. To obtain a copy of the products catalog, or additional copies of this catalog, please visit www.msha.gov.

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