



September 30, 2002

TO THE MINING COMMUNITY:

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is sponsoring a one-day symposium on Geotechnical Methods for Mine Mapping Verification, and would like you to attend. This seminar will include vendor displays of the latest technologies, presentations by Academia and State personnel and a discussion among industry experts. By sharing information, I believe we can avoid the hazards associated with inaccurate mine maps and other potential hazards, and prevent accidents such as the one that occurred recently at the Quecreek Mine in Somerset, Pennsylvania.

The seminar will be held on October 29, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, West Virginia. Pre-registration is available by emailing bdon@msha.gov. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the day of the symposium. Enclosed is a flyer that provides detailed information about the seminar. Contact and lodging information is included. Thank you for thinking about miner safety and health. I look forward to seeing you at the symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave D. Lauriski".

Dave D. Lauriski
Assistant Secretary of Labor for
Mine Safety and Health

Enclosure

SYMPOSIUM ON GEOTECHNICAL METHODS FOR MINE MAPPING VERIFICATION

OCTOBER 29, 2002

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.)

CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER
200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
CHARLESTON, WV 25301

Did you know that:

- ◆ Over the last 3 years, underground coal mines have been averaging an inundation every two weeks;
- ◆ Since 1983, there have been 3 fatalities due to inundations; and
- ◆ Since 1995, nearly 44% of the inundations have resulted from mining into old workings.



MSHA is sponsoring a one-day seminar to provide the opportunity for mine operators, miners, academia, vendors, and State and Federal personnel to discuss the most current technology and practices to avoid the hazards associated with abandoned mines and inaccurate mine maps. The Symposium will include a discussion of the problem, question/answer session, presentations by Academia and State personnel, and displays of the latest technology.

For symposium/vendor information or to pre-register, contact:

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For lodging information contact:

Charleston Marriott 304-345-6500

Cost: \$82/night* for 10/28 and 10/29

Ask for Mine Safety/MSHA for this rate. *This rate is available through 10/14

There is *NO* charge to attend this symposium.

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