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MSHA seeks to hire more mine inspectors in southwestern Virginia *Employment screenings to be held April 11 through 13 in Norton*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is seeking to hire new federal mine inspectors for positions in Norton and Vansant, Va. Applicant screenings for these positions will be held April 11 through 13 in Norton at MSHA’s Coal District Office. Interested citizens who have not previously registered via MSHA’s Web site are welcome to attend, subject to space availability.

“MSHA is seeking motivated professionals dedicated to helping us protect the health and safety of working miners,” said Richard E. Stickler, acting assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. “We’re looking for qualified people who can help us continue to make safety the number one priority for our nation’s miners.”

Everyone attending the applicant screenings should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at www.msha.gov to confirm the status of the screenings before traveling to the site.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program. Candidates for the GS-9 level should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary of about \$45,000. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered health, life and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

MSHA’s Coal District Office is located on the 2nd floor of Wise County Plaza. Morning test registration will begin at 7 a.m. and testing will begin at 8 a.m. EDT. Afternoon test registration will begin at noon and testing will begin at 1 p.m. EDT.

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. For additional information, please visit the agency’s Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

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