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## **MSHA seeking to hire more mine inspectors** *Positions available in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana and Utah*

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) today announced the availability of additional metal and nonmetal mine inspector positions for duty stations in Mesa, Ariz.; Denver, Colo.; Topeka, Kan.; Helena, Mont.; and Salt Lake City, Utah. Interested citizens should register and apply online through MSHA’s Web site prior to the Feb. 25 deadline. MSHA is recruiting for general and electrical positions under the agency’s ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program.

“MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities,” said Richard E. Stickler, acting assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. “MSHA needs motivated individuals eager to help us continue to protect our nation’s miners.”

To register, go to [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov) and click on “Jobs at MSHA.” Select the vacancy announcement number for the position of interest and follow the instructions for submitting an application. Applicants should indicate the location(s) in which they are interested and whether or not they are claiming veteran’s preference. Applications that do not include phone numbers, addresses, and information on citizenship and basic qualification requirements cannot be considered.

Selected applicants will be invited to screenings to be held in March for testing and interview purposes. They will be notified of the screening locations.

Following screenings, individuals who accept positions 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, inspectors 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 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.

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