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Mr. Nichols

In the Federal Register dated Friday, July 16, 2004, MSHA published a proposed rule to include shaft and slope construction workers in 30 CFR Part 48 training standards.

The Agency has not made the case in the preamble to the proposed rule that the absence of training has been a contributing factor in the deaths of shaft and slope construction *workers*.

Nevertheless, I fully support the inclusion of shaft and slope construction workers in Part 48 training standards, as in the proposed rule.

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