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## **MSHA seeks to hire mine inspectors in Illinois** *Agency screening applicants for general and electrical positions*

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) will conduct an employment screening in Oglesby, Ill., March 7 and 8 as part of a nationwide effort to hire additional federal mine inspectors. The screening will be held at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby for available positions in Peru, Ill. Registration for walk-in candidates will begin at 7 a.m. and end when testing begins at 8 a.m. CST.

“MSHA continues to seek out mining professionals who are eager to help keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities,” said Michael A. Davis, MSHA’s deputy assistant secretary of labor for operations. “We’re intent on hiring the highest qualified people interested in a career in mine safety.”

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.

Seating for the employment screening will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each applicant must bring photo identification and a complete resume that fully describes work experience, as well as documentation required to support any veteran’s preference claim.

A minimum of one year experience performing onsite safety and health inspections, analysis, monitoring, or evaluation work in mining, occupational health or closely related industries is required. All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program.

Successful candidates should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect an annual salary range of about \$37,000 to \$70,000. 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.

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