

NOTIFICATION OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The 2008 Coal Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Rules Training will be held during the week of April 7-11, 2008, at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy, Beaver, West Virginia. Team representatives, state agencies and MSHA are being given an opportunity to receive rule interpretations directly from the Chief Judges and Assistant Chief Judges.

MSHA will audio conference the Rules Training to Birmingham, Alabama, Grand Junction, Colorado, Western Kentucky and Price, Utah. The sessions will be presented from the Academy Auditorium on Eastern Standard Time on the dates and times listed below:

Tuesday, April 8, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Mine Rescue Rules Todd/Hlavsa
Tuesday, April 8, 2008	3:00 p.m.	Part 49 – New Regs Presentation with Q&A Session Michael Kalich
Tuesday, April 8, 2008	3:30 p.m. (This session will not be audio conferenced)	Mine Rescue Problem Designers’ Meeting Room C137 Todd/Hlavsa
Wednesday, April 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Preshift Rules Poynter/Hixson
Wednesday, April 9, 2008	1:00 p.m.	First Aid Rules Barton
Wednesday, April 9, 2008	3:30 p.m. (This session will not be audio conferenced)	Preshift Problem Designers’ Meeting Room C137 Poynter/Hixson
Wednesday, April 9, 2008	5:00 p.m. (This session will not be audio conferenced)	First Aid Problem Designers’ Meeting Room C137 Barton
Thursday, April 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Bench Rules for BG-4 Bench Rules for BIOPAK 240-S Bench Rules for BIOPAK 240-R Brown/Stepp

The Academy will not be able to provide housing for participants this year. Attached is a listing of motels in the area surrounding the Academy for your convenience.

Due to the size of the meeting, questions will be limited. However, any questions that attendees have should be submitted in writing to Norman Page at

page.norman@dol.gov by March 28, 2008. We will then forward the questions to the Chief Judge so these concerns may be addressed during the respective session.

The 2008 Coal Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Competition Rules will be posted on MSHA's home page (www.MSHA.gov) by March 19, 2008, and will remain there until after the 2008 Competition Season. Although attendees have been notified in past years that copies of the Rules would not be available for handout at the training; resources are no longer available to provide this service. Consequently, **attendees must bring a copy of the Rules to the training. No copies are being made for handout.** You may download the rules from our web site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carolyn Archer at 276-679-0230 or Loretta Roark at 606-546-5123.

Thanks,

*Carolyn Archer on Behalf of
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National Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift Competition*