

**Product Installations Contractors** - a group consisting of **Ed Barber** - Strata Mine Services - **John Breedlove** - HeiTech - **Al Campoli** - Minova USA - **Eric Smith** - Sub-Technical, covering Product Installation Issues.

**Product Installation contractors offer different products to the mining industry.** They offer both products and labor to mining industry. Expertise needed to install our products is unique and changes almost daily - the four companies represented here work approximately 82,200 UG man-hour per year. Our safety record is excellent - ZERO for three of the four companies in 2004.

**We use well trained people for specific tasks and hold ourselves to a high level of safety.** We meet and exceed the mandated training requirements per man - MSHA, OSHA, individual State and on-site at each job.

**We need training focused on site specific work place issues** - at least 20 hours of 64 hrs are repetitive - need detailed escape way training (entry marking system, self rescuer storage locations, reference maps for our shift leaders) - Hoist operating systems- minimize general training issues. Our employees don't need the same training as a new hire.

**These are the issues we have to deal with** - liability insurance, certified in multiple states, man hours and accident reporting in each state, etc.

**Looking to the future,** we believe the need for products and installation will grow because it is cost effective, etc.

**These are our suggestions** - eliminate duplicate training - reduce paperwork - direct mailing to contractors - categorize contractors - open the line of communication - establish local problem solving groups. Establish a national database on contractors showing training, required forms, etc and make it available to all MSHA districts and state agencies. Effect hazard training at mine site-more on site specific information and less on things we get repeatedly like SCSR donning technique.

**To help reduce injuries and fatals-** enforce safety rules and regulations, efficient onsite training - share and provide contractors with up-to-date information from MSHA and state agencies.