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## **U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks new mine inspectors** *Coal mine inspector positions available in Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia*

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) today announced the availability of additional coal mine inspector positions for duty stations in Oakland, Md.; St. Clairsville, Ohio; and Bridgeport and Morgantown, W.Va. Interested persons should register and apply online through MSHA's Web site prior to the June 18 deadline. MSHA is recruiting for underground and electrical positions only.

"We're interested in hiring individuals who want to dedicate themselves to our mission and help us eliminate hazards that threaten working miners," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "This agency needs motivated professionals eager to help us continue to protect the mining industry's number one resource – miners."

Under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, MSHA will conduct applicant screenings to test and interview registered applicants interested in any of the position locations. The screenings will be held in Morgantown only on July 21 and 22. Space will be limited.

To register, go to [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov) and click on "Jobs at MSHA." Select vacancy announcement number MSHA-07-053-WV-D3 and follow the instructions for submitting an application. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, which will be determined by the dates applications are received and processed through the Web site.

Applicants should indicate the locations for which they are interested in applying and whether or not they are claiming veteran's preference. Applications that do not include phone numbers, addresses, and/or information on citizenship and basic qualification requirements cannot be considered. Each applicant should bring photo identification and a complete resume to the applicant screening.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program. They should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary of about \$43,000. 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.

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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