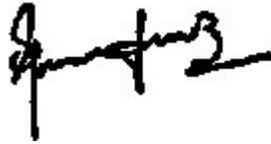


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SUBJECT: Online Eligibility and Verification for  
the 2008 Sentinels of Safety Awards Program

**Who needs this information?**

Mine operators including independent contractors, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) personnel, the National Mining Association and other interested parties.

**Why is MSHA issuing this bulletin?**

To advise mine operators that they can determine their award eligibility on-line, and, if eligible, submit their Sentinels of Safety verification letters electronically.

**What is the background for this update?**

The purpose of the annual Sentinels of Safety Award Program is to recognize achievement of outstanding safety records, stimulate greater interest in safety, and encourage development of more effective accident prevention programs among the Nation's coal and mineral extractive industries.

MSHA, in a joint effort with the National Mining Association, is offering mine operators new, voluntary, options to determine their eligibility and to apply for the award on MSHA's webpage.

**What are the main points of this bulletin?**

- Operators can access information about their award eligibility under <http://www.msha.gov/SentinelsofSafety/SentinelsofSafetyhomepage.asp>.

All eligible mine operators who would like to be considered for the Sentinels of Safety Awards Program must submit a Sentinels of Safety Verification Letter. First, operators verify that the injury and employment information on file with MSHA is correct for the mine in question. If the injury and employment information on file with MSHA is correct, operators can access the MSHA on-line filing page at <http://www.msha.gov/SentinelsofSafety/SentinelsofSafetyhomepage.asp> to submit a verification letter. Electronic submission will require the operator to register for the MSHA E-Gov System. This can be done at the time the verification letter is submitted.

- If the data on file with MSHA is not correct, new or amended 7000-1 and 7000-2 forms need to be submitted and a verification letter submitted by mail or fax.
- Operators can review a detailed record of the injury and employment data that they have submitted for their mine properties on the MSHA Data Retrieval System located at <http://www.msha.gov/drs/drshome.htm>.
- Award finalists will have injury and employment data verified by MSHA auditors.

#### **Who can be contacted about this bulletin?**

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Eligibility and other Sentinels of Safety Program information is available at:

<http://www.msha.gov/SentinelsofSafety/SentinelsofSafetyhomepage.asp>

For Technical Issues Please Contact :

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#### **Is this information on the internet?**

This Program Information Bulletin may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page <http://www.msha.gov/> and then choosing Compliance Info/Program Information Bulletins.

#### **Who will receive this bulletin?**

MSHA Personnel

Program Policy Manual Holders

Mine Operators and Contractors

National Mining Association