

KEEPING AMERICA'S MINES DRUG
AND ALCOHOL FREE

"THE URGENT CASE FOR ACTION"

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SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

- NOT A NEW ISSUE TO THE U.S. OR THE MINING INDUSTRY
- PYRO EXPLOSION IN 1989 2 VICTIMS HAD ILLEGAL DRUGS IN THEIR SYSTEM
- INFORMATION IS LIMITED DUE TO
 - TOXICOLOGY TESTING IS NOT ALWAYS DONE
 - DRUG TESTING NOT PERFORMED ON ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT

TWO TRUCKS COLLIDED
NO SERIOUS INJURIES
1 DRIVER REFUSED A DRUG TEST



WHAT WE KNOW

- EXTENDS BEYOND THE APPALACHIAN AREA
- THE DIFFERENCE IN USE IS ONLY LIMITED BY THE DRUG OF CHOICE
 - Availability
 - Cost
- PARAPHERNALIA FOR USE CAN BE PRIMITIVE

Crack Cocaine















WHY THE URGENCY?

- A POSITIVE FORECAST FOR THE COAL INDUSTRY'S FUTURE
 - MORE MINERS NEEDED
 - MORE MONEY ON THE STREET
 - FORCED TOLERANCE OF LABOR
- MORE DIFFICULT MINING CONDITIONS
- EVERYDAY MINING DECISIONS ARE CRUCIAL
 - EQUIPMENT GETTING LARGER, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
 - NO ROOM FOR ALTERED BEHAVIOR

WHO IS AT RISK? "EVERYONE AT THE MINE"

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- NO SECOND CHANCES IN AN ULTRA-GASSY MINE
- HAULAGE ACCIDENTS ACCOUNT FOR A LARGE % OF THE FATALITIES
- THE USE OF CONTRACTORS IS GROWING IN OUR INDUSTRY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



TIME FOR QUESTIONS

Drugs in our Industry

- Lortab and Oxycotten abuse continues to climb.

Drugs in our Industry

- HIPPA
- Industry should consider requiring treating physicians to provide a release stating that the Rx will not impact safety or job performance