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SUBJECT: Realignment of District Mine Inspection Boundaries

**Scope**

This Program Information Bulletin (PIB) applies to Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Metal and Nonmetal (MNM) enforcement personnel, MNM mine operators and miners' representatives, independent contractors, and other interested parties.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this PIB is to provide information on MSHA's Metal and Nonmetal program area change in current district office boundaries and assigned inspection areas.

**Information**

On October 1, 2010, the MNM program area will transition in a realignment which will result in a change in current district office boundaries and assigned inspection areas. The realignment will result in the following changes.

Northeast District: The district boundary will be adjusted to transfer all metal and nonmetal mines in the state of Virginia to the Southeast District. Oversight for these mines will be provided by the Staunton, Virginia Field Office. Mines located in West Virginia and Maryland will remain under Northeast District jurisdiction with the Warrendale, Pennsylvania Field Office providing oversight in place of the Staunton, Virginia Field Office.

Southeast District: The district boundary will be adjusted to transfer inspection responsibility for all metal and nonmetal mines in the state of Mississippi located in the counties of Desoto, Tunica, Tate, Panola, Quitman, Coahoma, Bolivar, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Leflore, Saint, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo, Attala, Leake, Scott, Smith, Jones, Wayne, Perry, Stone, Harrison, Jackson, Hancock, Pearl River, Lamar, Forrest, Covington, Simpson, Rankin, Hinds, Copiah, Claiborne, Adams, Wilkinson, Amite, Pike, Walthall, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Warren, Issaquena, Sharkey, and Washington to the South Central District. Oversight responsibility for these mines will be provided by the Little Rock, Arkansas and Denham Springs, Louisiana Field Offices.

North Central District: The district boundary will be adjusted to transfer inspection responsibility for all metal and nonmetal mines in the state of Ohio to the Northeast District. Oversight responsibility for these mines will be provided by the Hebron, Ohio Field Office.

Rocky Mountain District: The district boundary will be adjusted to transfer inspection responsibility for all metal and nonmetal mines in Mohave County, Arizona and Washington County, Utah to the Western District. Oversight responsibility for these mines will be provided by the Boulder City, Nevada Field Office.

Western District: The district boundary will be adjusted to transfer inspection responsibility for all metal and nonmetal mines in the state of Idaho in the counties of Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Caribou, Bannock, Power, Bear Lake, Franklin and Oneida to the Rocky Mountain District. Oversight responsibility for these mines will be provided by the Salt Lake City, Utah and Green River, Wyoming Field Offices.

### **Background**

Currently, some MNM enforcement personnel must drive up to eight hours to reach a mine. This realignment will reduce travel time and expenses associated with traveling to mines and increase enforcement time at mine sites while reducing overall cost. These changes to the MNM district boundaries and offices with oversight responsibility are designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the inspection process in support of the Agency's 100% mandated inspection completion initiative.

### **Authority**

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended, 30 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.

### **Internet Availability**

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