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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Coal Mine Operators

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SUBJECT: Notification of Training of New Miners
And Experienced Miner Training

Statistics for 2003 showed that the incident rate for mine fatalities and non-fatal accidents dropped to an all new low. This was achieved by a commitment toward safety by all parties involved. As the new year begins, we look forward to the challenge of breaking the record set in 2003. One of the first challenges that must be addressed is the influx of new miners into the workforce.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration will be providing compliance assistance to the mining community as a means to prevent accidents by monitoring and assisting in the training of new miners.

All mines in District 3 are to notify Educational Field Services (EFS), in the District Office, two weeks in advance of conducting training as required by the Code of Federal Regulations, 30 CFR, Part 48.5 and 48.25 (Training of New Miners), and Part 48.6 and 48.26 (Experienced Miner Training).

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If you cannot reach an EFS Training Specialist, contact your nearest Field Office.

It is extremely important that new miners receive the proper safety orientation if we are to achieve our goal of reducing accidents.