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## MSHA announces results of October and November impact inspections

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration today announced that federal inspectors issued 174 citations, 11 orders and two safeguards during special impact inspections conducted at 12 coal mines in November. In October, MSHA conducted impact inspections at six coal mines and three metal and nonmetal mines, where inspectors issued 120 citations and 10 orders. Impact inspections were curtailed during part of October due to the government shutdown.

The monthly inspections, which began in force in April 2010 following the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine, involve mines that merit increased agency attention and enforcement due to their poor compliance history or particular compliance concerns.

On Nov. 21, MSHA conducted an impact inspection at Maple Coal Co.’s Maple Eagle No. 1 Mine in Fayette County, W.Va. Inspectors traveled belt lines, inspected mobile and stationary equipment, and evaluated section ventilation and roof control. They issued 36 citations and six orders; it was the eighth impact inspection at this mine.

During the inspection, enforcement personnel observed a 20-foot crack in the mine roof at a belt feeder where miners regularly travel. Inspectors also found an area of loose roof strata 60 feet long and up to 8 feet wide where miners were at risk of being struck by falling rock. MSHA issued a [104\(d\)\(1\) withdrawal order](#) for violating the approved roof control plan and failing to install needed roof supports. The operator was also cited for a loose coal rib approximately 24 feet long that was cracked and separating from the solid wall. These hazards had the potential to cause catastrophic injuries or fatalities to miners.

Maple Eagle No.1 Mine was issued three 104(d)(1) withdrawal orders for violating the approved ventilation plan. The operator did not properly construct or complete several overcasts (enclosed airways used to maintain ventilation) in several entries. The operator also failed to maintain intake airways clear of combustible materials, and had let water accumulate in one of the entries. The mine operator was cited for failing to identify and correct in its preshift inspection hazards that were obvious, extensive and had existed for several shifts.

While monitoring the mine’s communication system, MSHA detected and cited the mine operator for providing advance notice.

Since April 2010, MSHA has conducted 687 impact inspections and issued 11,427 citations, 1,052 orders and 48 safeguards.

*Editor’s Note: MSHA’s Monthly Impact Inspection Lists for October and November 2013 are attached to this email.*

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### MSHA Monthly Impact Inspection List

(October 2013)

October 2013

Coal

Mine Information						Type of Issuance				S&S Information				Issuances - Type of Action									Justifications													
District	State	Mine ID	Controller Name	Operator Name	Mine Name	Cit	Orders	Safe -guards (Coal only)	Total	S&S	Non-S&S	Total	S&S Rate	104(a)	104(b)	104(d)(1) Citation	104(d)(1) Order	104(d)(2)	104(e)(2) Order	314(b)	103(k)	104(g)(1)	103(j)	107(a)	Total	1. Operator Tactics	2. Hazard Complaints /Hotline Calls	3. Plan Compliance Issues	4. Inadequate Exams	5. Accidents, Injuries, Illnesses	6. Fatal Accidents	7. Enforcement History	8. Adverse Conditions	9. Respirable Dust Issues		
District 02	PA	3608603	J Clifford Forrest III	Rosebud Mining Company	Tracy Lynne	11	0	0	11	6	5	11	54.55%	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11										
District 07	KY	1518732	Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.	North Fork Coal Corporation	Mine No 5	12	0	0	12	0	12	12	0.00%	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1									
District 07	KY	1519668	River Energy JV UK Limited	Mountainside Coal	Jellico Creek Job	27	0	0	27	11	16	27	40.74%	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27										
District 08	IN	1202249	Donald Blankenberger	Five Star Mining Inc	Prosperity Mine	5	8	0	13	6	7	13	46.15%	5	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	13											
District 09	CO	0504591	Bowie Resources Partners LLC	Bowie Resources LLC	Bowie No 2 Mine	8	1	0	9	3	6	9	33.33%	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9											
District 11	AL	0101247	Walter Energy, Inc.	Jim Walter Resources, Inc.	No. 4 Mine	12	0	0	12	9	3	12	75.00%	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1										
<b>6</b>						<b>National Totals</b>				<b>75</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>41.67%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

October 2013

Metal Nonmetal

Mine Information						Type of Issuance				S&S Information				Issuances - Type of Action									Justifications													
District	State	Mine ID	Controller Name	Operator Name	Mine Name	Cit	Orders	Safe -guards (Coal only)	Total	S&S	Non-S&S	Total	S&S Rate	104(a)	104(b)	104(d)(1) Citation	104(d)(1) Order	104(d)(2)	104(e)(2) Order	314(b)	103(k)	104(g)(1)	103(j)	107(a)	Total	1. Operator Tactics	2. Hazard Complaints /Hotline Calls	3. Plan Compliance Issues	4. Inadequate Exams	5. Accidents, Injuries, Illnesses	6. Fatal Accidents	7. Enforcement History	8. Adverse Conditions	9. Respirable Dust Issues		
NC	MN	2101277	Holcim Ltd	Aggregate Industries - MWR, Inc.	Pit #52	12	1	0	13	2	10	12	16.67%	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13											
NC	IN	1200426	Carmeuse Holding SA	Carmeuse Lime and Stone, Inc.	Buffington Plant	29	0	0	29	4	26	30	13.33%	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30											
RM	CO	0503695	Anglogold Ltd; Golden Cycle Gold Corp	Anglogold Ashanti (Colorado) Corp	Cresson Project	4	0	0	4	1	3	4	25.00%	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4											
<b>3</b>						<b>National Totals</b>				<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>15.22%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>					<b>National Totals</b>				<b>120</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>32.31%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
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(November 2013)

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District 02	PA	3607416	CONSOL Energy Inc	Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company LLC	Enlow Fork Mine	5	0	0	5	2	3	5	40.00%	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		1										
District 03	WV	4608864	Alliance Resource Partners LP	Tunnel Ridge, LLC	Tunnel Ridge Mine	24	0	0	24	10	14	24	41.67%	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1				1							
District 04	WV	4604236	Walter Energy Incorporated	Maple Coal Co.	Maple Eagle No. 1 Mine	36	6	0	42	17	25	42	40.48%	35	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42							1					
District 05	VA	4407098	Jeffery A. Hoops	Revelation Energy, LLC	S-5 Jones Fork	11	0	0	11	4	7	11	36.36%	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11					1		1					
District 06	KY	1519327	Joshua Clark	Clark Mining, Inc	Mine #2	27	0	2	29	4	23	27	14.81%	27	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	29	1		1	1								
District 07	KY	1519486	Tina Davenport; John C Davenport	Davex Energy, LLC	Davex Energy, LLC #1	8	0	0	8	5	3	8	62.50%	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8			1	1					1			
District 08	IN	1202394	Donald Blankenberger	Black Panther Mining LLC	Oaktown Fuels Mine No 1	8	0	0	8	5	3	8	62.50%	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8							1						
District 08	IN	1202418	Donald Blankenberger	Black Panther Mining LLC	Oaktown Fuels Mine No 2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1							1					
District 08	IN	1202249	Donald Blankenberger	Five Star Mining Inc	Prosperity Mine	5	0	0	5	2	3	5	40.00%	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5							1						
District 09	UT	4202335	Rhino Resource Partners LP	Castle Valley Mining LLC	Castle Valley Mine #4	8	0	0	8	2	6	8	25.00%	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8					1	1	1						
District 10	KY	1518826	Alliance Resource Partners LP	Hopkins County Coal LLC	Elk Creek Mine	13	0	0	13	3	10	13	23.08%	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13								1				
District 12	WV	4609340	Kenneth R Vance	JJ&E Coal Corporation	Horse Creek Mine No 2	28	5	0	33	15	18	33	45.45%	28	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	33			1				1						
<b>12</b>						<b>National Totals</b>				<b>174</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>37.30%</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	