



# Media Advisory

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## **Mine emergency operations facility opens in Kentucky** *MSHA's fourth rescue station enhances response capabilities*

**MADISONVILLE, Ky.** – To enhance its mine rescue capabilities throughout the U.S., the Mine Safety and Health Administration will open its newest mine rescue station in Madisonville, Kentucky, on Sept. 18. The facility will serve mining operations in the Midwest in the event of a mine emergency, and joins similar emergency response stations in Beckley, West Virginia; Pittsburgh; and Price, Utah.

[Joseph A. Main](#), assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, other MSHA officials, and representatives from Alliance Coal, Alpha Natural Resources and Kentucky's Division of Mine Safety, will deliver brief remarks. A tour of the facility will follow.

The Madisonville station will house a fully equipped mine emergency unit team truck, surface communication system, a first response underground communication system, infrared gas monitoring and a mobile gas chromatograph laboratory.

**WHAT:** New mine emergency operations center opening in Madisonville, KY

**WHO:** [Mine Safety and Health Administration](#)

**WHERE:** 150 School Avenue  
Madisonville, KY 42431

**WHEN:** Sept. 18 at 12 noon CDT  
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