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Mr. Connie Hendren  
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Mr. Hendren:


After the evaluation of the documentation submitted in response to the provisions set forth in the conditional approval and with the recommendation of our technical reviewer the WV Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training approves Mine Shields, LLC "Mine Safety Unit™" for use in meeting the Emergency Shelters/Chambers requirements outlined in the West Virginia Rule Governing Protective Clothing and Equipment, §56-4-8.

The Mine Shields, LLC "Mine Safety Units™" models for 24, 30 and 36 inch heights each with a design for 10, 12, 14 or 16 occupants can be used in underground mines when built and provisioned as specified in the application and providing a minimum of 96 hours life support.

Mine Shield, LLC shall, upon request, provide this office with verification of valid orders, delivery dates, and status of delivery as required for this office to enforce §56-4-8.

Any changes required or enhancements to the approved design affecting the ability to meet any provision of §56-4-8 shall require approval of this office prior to any affected Mine Shields, LLC "Mine Safety Units™" being placed into operation.

Sincerely,

  
Ronald Wooten  
Director