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**Subject:** Verification of functionality of the Becker Leaky Feeder Communications System™ under WV Legislative Rule Title 56, Series 4 Legislative Rules Governing Protective Clothing and Equipment

Sir:

After the evaluation of the documentation submitted and with the recommendation of our technical reviewers the Office of Miner's Health Safety and Training verifies that the Becker Leaky Feeder Communications System™ represented by Wholesale Mine Supply LLC, authorized USA Master Distributor for all Becker underground communications products has demonstrated functionality such as would allow WV underground mining permit holders to meet all or part of their requirements for tracking outlined in the West Virginia Legislative Rule Governing Protective Clothing and Equipment, 56CSR4-8 and will be included in the listing of approved devices.

This transmittal does not negate the necessity of intrinsic safety approval from the U. S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). Upon receipt of such, please submit a copy along with your request for modification products listing.

Wholesale Mine Supply 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 56CSR4-8. Additionally, Wholesale Mine Supply LLC, Inc will notify this office as soon as it is determined that circumstances have arisen that will impact the delivery dates quoted as part of an approved mine communication/tracking plan.

Wholesale Mine Supply LLC, Inc will provide additional information on the functionality of the Becker Leaky Feeder Communications System™ in differing mine environments as it becomes available. Upon validation of the additional functionality the information will be appended to that made available by this office to mine operators.

Any changes required or enhancements to the approved design affecting the ability to meet any provision of 56CSR4-8 shall require approval of this office prior to any affected Becker Leaky Feeder Communications System™ being placed into operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Wooten".

Ronald Wooten  
Director