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To: All West Virginia Mine Operators

From: Jim Dean, Acting Director

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Date: March 9, 2006

Re: Storage Cache Plans

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The effective date of Title 56, Series 4 Emergency Rules Governing Protective Clothing and Equipment is February 28, 2006. Within thirty (30) days of this effective date the operator of each underground coal mine shall submit to the Director of the WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training a SCSR storage cache plan.

This plan shall include the following:

1. The size and physical features of the mine.
2. The maximum number of persons underground during each shift.
3. The proposed location of the storage caches in relation to persons underground. (Items 3, 4, and 5 should be shown on an adequate map).
4. The proposed location of the emergency shelter(s)/chamber(s) in relation to persons underground.
5. Location of lifelines.
6. A schedule of compliance which includes the following:
  - a. How will the necessary SCSRs be obtained.
  - b. A time table of actions that leads to compliance which is measurable and enforceable.
  - c. A statement of when the plan will be completed.
7. Each storage cache plan shall have the following attachments included:
  - a. A statement that the required mine specific evaluation was completed prior to developing the storage plan.
  - b. A list of training dates for everyone using SCSRs.
  - c. The name, title/position, mailing address and telephone number of the company contact for matters relating to the storage plans.

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#### Initial Submittal:

→ The mine operator has 30 days from February 28, 2006 to submit an SCSR storage plan to the Director of MHST.

#### Director's Evaluation:

→ The Director then has no more than 30 days to approve or deny the plans.

#### Upon Approval:

→ Within 30 days of the Director approving a plan the operator shall provide to the Director a copy of proof that SCSRs have been purchased.

#### Rejected Plan:

→ If the Director rejects the storage plan that was submitted, the operator has 15 days to modify the plan and resubmit.

#### Modifications:

→ At any time modifications of the plan may be submitted to the Director along with the reasons for the changes. Upon receipt of the modification the Director has 30 days to approve or deny the proposal. The Director may require modifications after the investigation of a fatal or serious injury if findings warrant a change.

If the operator fails to obtain a storage plan a cessation order is issued to the mine.