



Inspector's View

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FOCUS:

It's Thanksgiving, a time to be thankful and give thanks. But how do you say thank you to those who have done so much and expected so little in return? In the next few months, the State Mine Inspector's Office will see the retirement of three of its own, Mike Failla, John Stanford and Tim Evans. With over 130 years of mining experience and collectively 61 years at ASMI, these three men represent the heart and soul of the State Mine Inspector's Office. Words cannot begin to describe the impact these three men have had on the mining industry and the men and women that work in Arizona Mines.

Mike Failla began his mining career as a Maintenance Supervisor in 1990 at the ASARCO, Hayden Mine where he implemented and administered all vehicle maintenance at the Hayden Smelter and concentrator. In 2007, Mike began his career with the State Mine Inspector's Office as a Certified Training Officer in which he instructed the Arizona mining community with MSHA safety and health training. Mike has over 33 years of dedication to Arizona miners and the mining industry as a safety professional.

John Stanford began his mining career in 1976 at Magma Copper Co, San Manuel Mine as an Industrial Mechanic climbing the ladder to a Senior Safety Coordinator position in the 2000. In 2002, John began his career with the State Mine Inspector's Office as a Deputy Mine Inspector. John has over 47 years of dedication to Arizona miners and the mining industry as a safety professional.

Tim Evans began his mining career in 1973 at the Magma Copper Co San Manuel Mine as a laborer and has held several positions from 1973 - 1999 including Safety Coordinator. In 1999, Tim Evans was inspired to accept a position with the State Mine Inspector's Office as a Deputy Mine Inspector and thus began his career ensuring the health and well-being of workers in the mining industry. Tim has over 50 years of dedication to Arizona Miners and the mining industry as a safety professional.

I know that I am thankful to Mike, John, and Tim as they have guided me through the years as a safety professional and as the State Mine Inspector, and although it is difficult to quantify, there is little doubt that the dedication and passion of these three men have saved countless lives throughout their years of service to the Arizona mining industry.

OCTOBER's TOP 5 WRITTEN VIOLATIONS:

1. **Electrical Violations: R-11-801.** New electrical equipment shall be installed, maintained, and used in accordance with the National Electric Code.
2. **Unsafe Equipment: R11-1-531.** Unsafe equipment or machinery presenting an immediate danger must either be repaired immediately or be otherwise rendered not subject to further use until repaired.
3. **Fire Extinguisher: R11-1-304.4** Fire extinguishers and fire suppression devices shall be inspected, tested, and maintained at regular intervals according to the manufacturer's recommendations, and a record showing the date of same be kept by the operator for a period of one year and be made available for review by the inspector.
4. **Unsecured Gas Cylinders / Valves: R-11-309.** Valves on oxygen and acetylene tanks shall be kept closed when the contests are not being used.
5. **Unsafe Access: R11-1-149.** Safe means of access shall be provided and maintained to all working places.

SAFETY SHARE: November's Safety Share is on **Working in Cold Weather.** *Please feel free to share.*
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