FOCUS: We are excited to announce this year’s MSHA Spring Thaw 2014 hosted by the Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA). You are invited to join us at the Scottsdale Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 8, 2014, to hear a number of safety professionals give presentations on safety and health related topics, as well as a MSHA update for the mining community in Arizona. For additional information and registration on attending this event, click Here

Education and Training Program Services:
In compliance with the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act (MSHA) of 1977, Title 30 CFR, Part 46, 47, 48, 49, 56, 57, 58 and 62, new miners, miners’ representatives, contractors, and others exposed to mine hazards at a mine site are required to have various levels of training with the emphasis placed on miner's rights and current health and safety regulations. For training or additional information contact the Arizona State Mine Inspector’s Office at (602) 542-5971 or visit their website at: http://www.asmi.state.az.us/MSHA_training/

In January of this year, I sent the following message to the operators’ from Joseph Main, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, with an updated summary of the 2013 4th Quarter Fatal Accidents at Metal/Nonmetal Mines with updated Preventative Recommendations. On the MSHA webpage, one can find important information on fatalities for each quarter at: http://www.msha.gov/fatals/summaries/summaries.asp The following link also gives you a state to state breakdown where the mining deaths occurred http://www.msha.gov/stats/charts/chartshome.htm ; and when the MSHA investigations are completed, a detailed investigation report on each fatality can also be found at: http://www.msha.gov/fatals/fab.htm it is worth reviewing the preventative recommendations to promote safe and healthful workplaces for our Nation’s miners. For other updated information from Mr. Main, go to the www.msha.gov web page in the about MSHA/Office of the Assistant Secretary heading.

Our office continues to receive calls about the Opening and Closing Notifications:
CFR. 56/57.1000 requires operator’s notification to MSHA for Commencement of operations (intermittent or continuous) or Closure (temporary or permanent) of any changes at a mine’s site. In order to comply with this standard, mine operators may choose to make their notification to MSHA by one of the following five options.
• Filling web interface:  Report Commencement/Closure of Operation
• Toll Free Call at: 1-800-746-1553
• Email:  madril.mario@dol.gov
• Mail to office:   DOL / MSHA - 63 E. Main Street, Suite 402 - Mesa, AZ 85201
• Fax to office:  480-649-5662

The Program Information Bulletin (PIB) No. P1401 issued on February 21, 2014 contains important information to the mining industry of “potential alternatives when inclement weather renders satellite linked Global Position System (GPS) surveying equipment data collection slow or inoperable.” To view the latest PIB go to www.msha.gov /MSHA's Major Laws, Regulations and Policies/Compliance information

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