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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

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SUBJECT:

Hard Copy Compliance Guidance

In July of this year, operators were advised that the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) would be discontinuing the routine practice of printing and mailing compliance guidance (e.g., Program Policy Letters, Program Information Bulletins, and Procedure Instruction Letters); however, MSHA would continue to provide hard copy compliance guidance to any addressee that requested this information. To ensure that stakeholders are able to provide input before implementation of this new process, MSHA is postponing implementation and inviting your comments.

To provide background, all compliance information is available on MSHA's web site as well as by email subscription. Parties interested in receiving email notifications of recent postings may subscribe to this service by visiting MSHA's subscription web page at <http://www.msha.gov/subscriptions/subscribe.aspx>. In addition to electronic notification, this same information is currently mailed to over 40,000 addressees. MSHA reached out to all addressees in July and invited them to express their interest in continuing to receive hard copy guidance. Thus far, fewer than 400 addressees (or less than 1%) have opted to remain on the print subscription list. If implemented, this new electronic compliance guidance initiative could reduce MSHA's printing and mailing costs by almost \$500,000 annually.

Your views on this new process would be greatly appreciated. Please direct any comments or concerns before December 1, 2011 to: [stakeholder.comments@dol.gov](mailto:stakeholder.comments@dol.gov).

You may also mail comments to:

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