



NM BUREAU OF MINE SAFETY

June Newsletter 2010

Zero accidents at mine sites is not only possible, it is the only acceptable goal.

- Terence Foreback, State Mine Inspector



Mine Safety

Lighting Safety

We are entering the summer thunderstorm season once again. Last July we almost lost a contractor working at a NM coal mine when she was struck by lightning. Everyone should prepare a SOP for your mine and train for what to do. The email containing this newsletter contains a PowerPoint on lightning safety prepared by Ron Kravitz and forwarded by Bob Cornett.

Accident Reporting

Accident Reporting still raises a lot of questions for mine operators. Here are a few general points:

- Calls regarding accidents must be made to the State EOC within 30 minutes. The number is 866-761-6039. MSHA must be notified within 15 minutes at 800-746-1553. So remember “one call **does not** do it all”.
- If it is obvious that a call should be made, obviously make the call. If it is obvious that a call should not be made, don't call. If you are thinking, ‘should I call or not’, make the call. Many of the 12 accidents requiring reporting are open to a lot of interpretation. Calling can eliminate a lot of time, cost and headache later.
- If you call MSHA and they say it is not an accident that needs reporting, call the State anyway, regardless of what MSHA says. The State may have a different opinion.
- Have a written Emergency Operations Plan and practice it. Know who will be calling MSHA and the State.

To view the NM Statutes and Regulations on line:

<http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/>

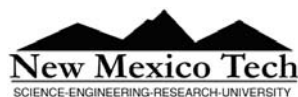
click on browse compilation, Title 19, Chapter 6.

For Statutes I take a more circuitous route.

<http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/>

This is the NM legislature web site and is a great site for following legislative matters in the state including changes in laws during the sessions.

Click on other resources and statutes and then statutes again. Then the folder that says 2008 NMSA 1978 then the folder that says Statutory Chapters. Chapter 69 titled Mines is where safety law resides. Article 5 and 8 are most important.



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Our web site should also be reviewed:

<http://www.bmi.state.nm.us/>

Please review the tab on “report an accident” and “NM Safety Requirements”. Please print the ENP on the safety requirements page and fill out for each of your operations that have separate MSHA ID #'s, if you have not already done so.

News

BMS – NMMA Safety Awards

We will present the 2009-2010 safety awards again in conjunction with the New Mexico Mining Association at the annual NMMA conference to be held September 15, 16 and 17, 2010. The reporting period for the awards is July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 as explained on the forms attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the awards, please call or email.

New Mexico Mine Health and Safety Conference

Our 2010 conference was held May 3, 4 and 5. Our 2010 theme “**Go the Distance**” was used by numerous speakers and was well received. We had about 150 participants who, judging from our evaluations, thought this was the best conference yet. We will continue to upgrade our program to bring New Mexico’s miners information that can be used to make our mines the safest in the nation. Please mark your calendars for 2011. Our conference will be held May 2, 3 and 4th. We will begin planning in late July and welcome all who would like to contribute to planning our 2011 event.

New Mexico Mining Safety Board Meeting

The New Mexico Mining Safety Board (MSB) will meet:

August 26, 2010 – 10:00 AM
Workers' Compensation Administration
2410 Centre Ave SE
Albuquerque, NM

A hearing will be held on new rules in response to legislative changes. The MSB will then consider the outcome of the hearing and may vote on the rules. Other business will also be discussed including the status of MSB funding.

Training

The current Training Schedule through June can be found on our web site:

<http://www.bmi.state.nm.us/navTrng.htm>

Please take time to look it over. To schedule a class, please call Chris at (505) 553-1535.

Going the Distance in New Mexico,

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Dear Mine Operator,

The [New Mexico Mining Association](#) and the [New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety](#) will once again be awarding mine operators throughout New Mexico for outstanding safety performance. Awards will be presented at the New Mexico Mining Association Convention, September 15, 16, 17, 2010.

The period for the awards is from **July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**. Mining Companies can enter in (3) categories:

**Safe Operator of the Year
Zero Frequency
Safety Innovator**

Again for 2010 we are continuing the **Rescue Response Award**. These awards will be given to individuals or groups employed at New Mexico mines, who utilized their first aid, first responder, EMT or mine rescue skills in a rescue role. The rescue involvement may be on or off a mine site.

The forms for each are attached. If you have questions or would like additional information please feel free to contact Terence Foreback at (575) 835-5458 or Mike Bowen at (505) 820-6662.

Forms should be completed and forwarded to the New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety for receipt by August 9, 2010. The address is listed below and at the end of each application form. A PDF of the applications is preferred and would be appreciated.

Notification to the mines receiving awards will be made by August 16, 2010, to insure that a representative from that organization can be recognized at the Safety Award luncheon on September 16, 2010.

To register for the convention, you may contact the New Mexico Mining Association at (505) 820-6662 or via e-mail at nmma@comcast.net .

Terence Foreback
NM State Mine Inspector
NM Bureau of Mine Safety

**New Mexico Mining Association
New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety**

SAFE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – 2009/2010

For the 2010 awards, the following minimum criteria apply for Safe Operator of the Year consideration:

- Frequency rate below the national average
- No fatalities during the period

Entry Form

(A separate entry form for each Mine ID that you want considered is required)

Company Name: _____

Mine Name: _____

Mine ID number (MSHA ID#): _____

Accident/Injury Statistics for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, within the following categories (check only one):

Category	Check one
Underground Coal Mining	
Surface Coal Mining	
Coal Processing	
Underground Metal/Non-Metal Mining	
Surface Metal/Non-Metal Mining (M/NM)	
Stone Quarries, sand and gravel (all types)	
Metal and non metal mills	
Non-producing operations (includes reclamation projects and government projects)	

Was your facility a **producing mine** (Did it produce marketable product) throughout the year? _____

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**SAFE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – 2009/2010
Entry Form (continued)**

STATISTICAL DATA:

Employee hours of exposure as reported on your MSHA 7000-2 quarterly reports from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 _____

Number of MSHA Reportable Injuries _____

$$\text{Frequency Rate} = \frac{\text{No. Reportable Injuries} \times 200,000}{\text{Employee hours of exposure}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

During July 2009 through to June 2010, please list

Statistical Category	Number
Lost-time injuries	
Total lost work days	
Total restricted work activity injuries	
Fatalities	

Name of Company Official (please print)

Title of Company Official (please print)

Phone Number: (_____) _____

e-mail address: _____

Signature _____

Please reply by August 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm
Return this form to (an e-mail PDF file is preferred):

NM Bureau of Mine Safety
801 Leroy Place
Socorro, NM 87801
Fax: (575) 835-5430 email: tforeback@admin.nmt.edu

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please call: (575) 835-5460 or 505-820-6662

**New Mexico Mining Association
New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety
Safety and Health Innovator Nomination Form for 2009/2010**

I nominate the following innovative safety process for consideration. (Please provide a description of why you implemented the process, how it works and what the results have been).

Please attach a sheet(s) with information if this form does not provide enough space.

Winners are expected to prepare and present a poster presentation during the conference in order to share the innovative process with fellow NMMA members.

Company name, mine name, telephone #, and MSHA ID;

Name and Title of Company Official (print)

Signature

Please reply by August 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm (an e-mail PDF file is preferred)

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Safety Award Program 2009/2010**

ZERO FREQUENCY CERTIFICATE

Nomination Form

I submit the following departments or divisions (mechanical, mine, repair, etc., excluding administrative divisions), which have achieved a **Zero Injury Frequency** for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This department or division had zero reportable injuries (as recorded on MSHA 7000-1 form) during this time period.

Division (as is will appear on certificate)

Employee exposure hours

Company name: _____

Mine name: _____

MSHA ID: _____

Phone #: _____

Name and Title of Company Official (print) _____

Signature: _____

Please reply by August 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm

Return this form to (an e-mail PDF file is preferred):

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New Mexico Tech

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Safety Award Program 2009/2010**

Rescue Response Award Nomination Form

Please submit a separate page describing the actions for which the individual(s) is/are being nominated.

I submit the following individual or group whose actions led to the rescue of an individual(s) during the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

<u>Name of Individual(s)</u>	<u>Company/Mine Name</u>

Nominator's Information

Company name: _____
 Mine name: _____
 MSHA ID: _____
 Phone #: _____
 e-mail: _____

 Name and Title of Company Official (print)

Signature: _____

Please reply by August 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm

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