



November 24, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHRISTOPHER J. WILLIAMSON
Assistant Secretary
for Mine Safety and Health

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FROM: CAROLYN R. HANTZ
Assistant Inspector General
for Audit

SUBJECT: Audit of MSHA's Mine Rescue Response Plan
Project No. 05-P24-001-06-001

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit with the objective of determining to what extent the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) responded to mine emergencies and has prepared for future emergencies. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit's objective, scope, and methodology.

We plan to begin work immediately after our meeting and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans.

If you have questions, please contact Grover Simmons, Audit Director, at (312) 353-2176 or Simmons.Grover@oig.dol.gov.

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