DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Mine Safety and Health Administration
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Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines
AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.
ACTION: Notification of public stakeholder meetings.
SUMMARY: The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is announcing the dates and locations of public stakeholder meetings on the Agency’s standards for Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines.
DATES: The meeting dates and locations are listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

II. Background

The reinstated January 2017 rule requires: (1) That an examination of the working place be conducted at least once each shift before miners begin working in the place; (2) that operators notify miners in the affected areas of any conditions found that may adversely affect their safety or health; (3) that operators promptly initiate corrective actions; and (4) that a record be made of the examination. The final rule requires the examination record to include: The name of the person conducting the examination, the date of the examination, the location of all areas examined, a description of each condition found that may adversely affect the safety and health of miners, and the date of corrective action. The final rule also requires the operator to make the examination record available to the authorized representative of the Secretary and miners’ representatives and provide a copy upon request (84 FR 51400).

Currently, compliance assistance materials are available at https://www.msha.gov/regulations/rulemaking/examinations-working-places-metal-and-nonmetal-mines. These materials include Frequently Asked Questions and mine operators’ sample templates and checklists provided as best practices.

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