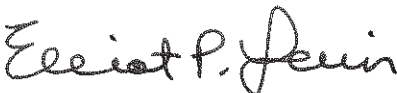




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MEMORANDUM FOR: JOSEPH A. MAIN
Assistant Secretary
for Mine Safety and Health

FROM: 
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Assistant Inspector General
for Audit

SUBJECT: Audit of MSHA's Civil Monetary Penalties

The Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of MSHA's civil monetary penalty assessment and collection process. MSHA assesses and collects civil monetary penalties for violations of the Mine Act and of mine safety and health standards, which includes determining the civil monetary penalty amounts, collecting and accounting for all delinquent penalties, and accounting for all penalty cases in litigation.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a meeting to discuss the audit's objective, scope, methodology, and timeframes. Please notify the appropriate officials of our plans.

If you have any questions, please contact Keith Galayda, Audit Director, at (202) 693-5259.

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