



May 30, 2023

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn R. Hantz".

FROM: CAROLYN R. HANTZ
Assistant Inspector General
for Audit

SUBJECT: Audit of COVID-19 Impact on MSHA's Miner Training,
Project No. 19-P23-006-06-001

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit to determine the extent of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on MSHA's miner training and its effect on MSHA's preparedness for future crises.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a meeting to discuss the audit objective, scope, and methodology. The work is expected to begin immediately after the meeting, and we would appreciate you notifying appropriate officials of our plans.

To facilitate the start of the audit, we will send a separate document and data request to the audit liaison. If you have questions, please contact Grover Simmons, Audit Director, at (312) 353-2176 or simmons.grover@oig.dol.gov.

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