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**SUBJECT:** Responsibility for Compensation for Wages and Injuries Resulting from Participation in Emergency Mine Rescue Operations for State-Trained Mine Rescue Teams

**TO:** All Operators Covered by "State" Mine Rescue Teams

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The Bureau of Deep Mine Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania assists underground mine operators in responding to situations requiring emergency mine rescue operations by providing mine rescue training and making mine rescue equipment available to underground mine operators requesting such assistance.

In order to be protected against any claims that may arise, the mine operators involved must ensure that an adequate compensation agreement, to compensate for liability arising for wages, property damage, personal injuries, etc., which may arise during the course of an emergency mine rescue operation is in effect.

In the event of an emergency at a participating mine, the Bureau will notify mine rescue team members to respond. A list of representatives and mine rescue team members is enclosed for your information. It is your responsibility to notify the Bureau of any changes which may occur to this list.

You are also responsible for notifying the Bureau of Deep Mine Safety so that the necessary emergency equipment may be transported to the mine site.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how the Bureau may provide assistance in continuing to offer training and equipment for use in emergency mine rescue operations, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

Enclosure