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Mine Families First Response and Communications Advisory Council
Mine Rescue and Training Facility
Ebensburg, PA
August 28, 2008

A meeting of the Mine Families First Response and Communications Advisory Council was held on August 28 in the DEP Bureau of Mine Safety Mine Rescue and Training Facility in Ebensburg. The meeting began at 10:37 a.m.

Attendance:

Members Present:

Chairperson Kathleen Kowalski-Trakofler, NIOSH
Judith D. Shabbick, SMRT
Rickie Polke, UMWA, At-Large Member - House
Pam Weeks, PEMA
Thomas Hoffman, PCA
Richard Trinclisti, UMWA

Others Present:

Joseph Sbaffoni, DEP-BMS
Jeff Stanchek, DEP-BMS
Marc Roda, DEP Office of Chief Counsel
Allison Gaida, DEP-BMS

Chairman Kathleen Kowalski-Trakofler opened the meeting. All members were in attendance except for Senate Appointment Mike Rothermel or his alternate, Earl Keiffer. Minutes from the July 10 meeting held in Uniontown were reviewed. A motion was made by Tom Hoffman and seconded by Rich Trinclisti to accept the minutes.

Draft Mine Families First Response and Communications Implementation Plan

The draft plan was distributed and reviewed. Further discussion and work was done on the draft. A motion was made by Tom Hoffman and seconded by Pam Weeks to change include the word 'Implementation' in the name of the plan. A final plan was completed and the advisory council members accepted the document. Members will vote by e-mail after everyone has a chance to review and recommend that this is the appropriate document to post for comments in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. A motion was made by Rickie Polke and seconded by Pam Weeks.

Next Meeting:

Members agreed to hold the date for next year's meeting on April 29 in Harrisburg.

A motion was made by Pam Weeks and seconded by Rickie Polkie to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m.