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To: Approved W. Va. Emergency Shelter Manufacturers

From: C. A. Phillips, Director *C.A.P.*

Date: June 26, 2012

Subject: Shelter Inspection Driven Requirements

As a follow up to the joint West Virginia/MSHA meeting June 14, 2012 with all approved shelter manufacturers the actions below are required:

- 1) Provide by July 2, 2012 revised examination procedures from each manufacturer that address the issues discussed at the meeting including:
 - a. Specific procedures for the company's shelter models that will result in a thorough examination of all brass fittings for signs of corrosion, cracks and undersized fittings;
 - b. Listing of examination tools required for the company's shelters;
 - c. Training procedures for examiners of the company's shelters; and
- 2) Actions to be taken when examination find deviations from the conditions when shipped of any functional component that include notifying this office and the Applied Engineering Division of MSHA's Approval and Certification Center.
- 3) Provide by July 2, 2012 a schedule for examinations to validate initial reports. Such schedule shall be updated electronically weekly and include the examinations for the following two weeks. It should be anticipated that OMHST and or MSHA will accompany some of the inspections on short or no notice.
- 4) Provide by July 2, 2012 a status report for MSHA Part Seven Breathable Air Component, Air Monitoring Component and Harmful Gas Removal Component Approvals details for which can be found under the Applied Engineering Division Procedures section of <http://www.msha.gov/TECHSUPP/ACC/application/application.htm>. This status should be updated by the 15th of each subsequent month until approval is obtained.
- 5) Provide by July 16, 2012 a revised shelter refit schedule for completing all shelters as soon as possible with all completed prior to December 31, 2013. This schedule should be updated by the 15th of each subsequent month with copies to this office and the Applied Engineering Division of MSHA's Approval and Certification Center.

All correspondence required above should be submitted electronically to both randy.i.harris@wv.gov and epperly.howard@dol.gov.

Those unable to meet these requirements should contact this office immediately to discuss the effect upon compliance with terms of the West Virginia approval.

cc: Administrator MSHA Coal Safety, Director MSHA Approval and Certification Center, WVOMHS&T Regions