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MEMORANDUM TO: All Mine Operators  
FROM: Bart B. Lay, Jr., Deputy Director *B.B.L.J.*  
of Health, Safety and Training  
SUBJECT: Mandatory Foot Protection  
DATE: March 17, 1988

In response to several questions regarding the department's enforcement policy of the recently passed Regulation requiring mandatory foot protection, i.e. metatarsal guards, please be advised that "add on" or "snap on" guards will be permissible only (emphasis added) in those cases involving vendors and/or employees that do not routinely enter underground mines or surface areas of underground mines. Personnel whose duties require them to enter the aforementioned areas on a daily basis must wear boots that are equipped with regular metatarsal guards.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Regional Inspectors-at-Large.

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