



Dear Mr. Operator:

A recent review of Emergency Response Plans (ERP) indicated that the Local Coordination Section needs revised by removing contact telephone numbers and only including procedures for coordination and communication to be consistent with the MINER Act.

The Local Coordination Section of the MINER Act states

*"The plan shall set out procedures for coordination and communication between the operator, mine rescue teams, and local emergency response personnel and make provisions for familiarizing local rescue personnel with surface functions that may be required in the course of mine rescue work."*

Historically parts of this requirement have been met by the including emergency contact telephone numbers in the ERP. However, the inclusion of these phone numbers is not consistent with the MINER Act and requires the ERP to be revised when updates are needed.

In an effort to alleviate these problems, all ERPs must be revised to remove reference to any emergency contact phone numbers. The ERP should only include the procedures mentioned above that are specified in the MINER Act and include a statement that an up-to-date listing of contact phone numbers will be posted and maintained in a conspicuous location at the mine site.

Please submit to your local MSHA District Office an Addendum to your approved ERP by close of business October 9, 2015. If you should have any questions, please contact your local MSHA District Office.