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Honorable Arthur A. Davis, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Davis:

As required by the Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Mine Acts, I herein submit a brief report on the activities of the Commonwealth's underground mining operations for 1989.

This edition represents the 120 consecutive annual report concerning the Anthracite and Bituminous coal mining activities within the Commonwealth.


Anthracite deep production increased in the year by about 47,116 tons, with a decrease in employment over the previous year, but a increase of operations over the previous year. The industry accounted for slightly over 28,887 tons produced, employed about 574 deep miners in 91 mines. There were 74 non-fatals and one fatal accident as the previous year.

In the Bituminous coal region, deep mine production increased 28,887 tons (40,270,902) over 1988 with approximately 1,158 fewer miners employed. The number of deep mines operating was 86, two fewer than the previous year. There was a decrease of non-fatal accidents. 1988 had 1,294 non-fatal accidents compared to 903 in 1989. One fatal accident as the previous year.

The Bureau continues to train approximately 7,500 miners per year in mine safety techniques and prides itself on maintaining five first rate mine rescue stations that are strategically located throughout the coal fields.

Please accept my thanks for your interest and cooperation extended to our program throughout the year.

Respectfully,



Thomas J. Ward, Jr. Director
Bureau of Deep Mine Safety