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The information pertaining to anthracite and bituminous coal is in compliance with Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Mining Act (November 10, 1965, P.L. 346) as amended and the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Act (July 17, 1961, P.L. 659) as amended.

This edition represents the 123 consecutive Annual Report concerning Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Mining Activities.

Anthracite deep production increased in 1992 by about 75,948 tons. The industry accounted for 456,467 tons produced. Employment decreased over the previous year, and employed about 413 deep miners in 81 operations. There were 117 non-fatal accidents, an increase, and fatal accidents zero.

In the bituminous coal region, deep mine production increased 3,433,542 tons (45,016,404) over 1991 with approximately 7,051 miners employed, a decrease of 511. The number of deep mines operating was 79, a decrease of 4 over the previous year. There was a decrease of non-fatal accidents, with 787 in 1992 compared to 824 in 1991. Increase of fatal accidents from zero to 2.

In the metal and non-metal deep mine region, a total of 11 operations produced 4,626,952 tons of minerals and employed 342 miners. Fatal accidents increased by 1 and 16 non-fatal accidents.

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