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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 125 consecutive Annual Report concerning Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Mining Activities.

Anthracite deep production decreased in 1994 by about 139,218 tons. The industry accounted for 358,333 tons produced. Employment decreased over the previous year, and employed about 333 deep miners in 70 operations, a decrease of 7 operations. There were 69 non-fatal accidents, a decrease, and an increase in fatal accidents to 2.

In the bituminous coal region, deep mine production increased 2,366,238 tons (40,218,509) over 1993 with approximately 5,520 miners employed, a decrease of 621. The number of deep mines operating was 67, same as previous year. There was a decrease of non-fatal accidents, with 544 in 1994 compared to 689 in 1993. Fatal accidents 2, same as previous year.

In the metal and non-metal deep mine region, a total of 10 operations produced 4,910,814 tons of minerals, an increase of 1,924,864 tons and employed 183 miners. There was a decrease of fatal accidents to zero, and a decrease in non-fatal accidents to 25.

The Bureau continues to train approximately 5,000 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.