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

Anthracite deep production increased in 1995 by about 68,973 tons. The industry accounted for 427,306 tons produced. Employment decreased over the previous year, and employed about 293 deep miners in 60 operations, a decrease of 10 operations. There were 113 non-fatal accidents, an increase, and an increase in fatal accidents to 3.

In the bituminous coal region, deep mine production increased 4,925,929 tons (45,144,438) over 1994 with approximately 5,081 miners employed, a decrease of 439. The number of deep mines operating was 54, a decrease of 13 mines. There was a decrease of non-fatal accidents, with 525 in 1995 compared to 544 in 1994. Fatal accidents 1, a decrease from the previous year.

In the industrial minerals deep mine region, a total of 9 operations produced 4,327,063 tons of minerals, a decrease of 583,751 tons and employed 247 miners. There was a decrease in non-fatal accidents to 21.

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.

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