

## MSHA Update as it Applies to Your County

With the recent mine tragedy at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah, the 2007 fatality rate for mining in the United States has grown to 37. The metal/non metal segment has had 20 mining fatalities and the coal mining segment has had 17, not including the six miners still missing.

The mining industry and all divisions of the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) are apt to be more highly scrutinized as a result of this latest mining tragedy.

County operated sand and gravel operations fall under the jurisdiction of MSHA. Counties are required to comply with all applicable mining, safety, training and record keeping requirements. Failure to comply with these regulations can result in injuries to employees, citations with fines, or withdrawal orders issued for the county mining operation if warranted.

CTSI has assisted counties with training, plans, and other record keeping requirements as mandated by MSHA. It is each county's responsibility to stay up to date on all safety regulations, training requirements and record keeping requirements as prescribed by Title 30 Code of Federal Regulations.

All of these statutory requirements are likely to be audited by the various agencies involved. It is a good time to evaluate your county's training and record keeping process as it relates to your sand and gravel mining operations.

- Are your county's Part 46 training plans current and readily available for inspection by MSHA officials?
- Are your employees' training records complete and up to date?
- Have proper mine examinations been conducted and documented? Are records of the examinations available for inspection?
- Have you met the Part 50 requirements as they relate to accidents, illnesses, employment and production in your county's operation?

### What This Means For Counties

This is just a quick overview of some of the record keeping requirements established under Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations. To further help your county maintain compliance, CTSI offers an eight hour annual refresher training class and the new miner's training at various locations throughout the state in 2008. If you have questions regarding compliance, please feel free to contact your CTSI Loss Prevention Specialist.

For more information, contact CTSI at 303-861-0507.