



December 10, 2012

Dear Mine Manager:

In August of 2011, a notification was released announcing that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas' (EMNG) audiometric program's data would be collected by WorkSafeBC. As an update to that notification, WorkSafeBC has completed changes to their audiometric system to accommodate mining data and is now accepting miner's audiograms.

Mining audiograms should now be submitted to WorkSafeBC who will be collecting them on behalf of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas. It is important to note that this collaboration between EMNG with WorkSafeBC in no way changes the regulatory authority of EMNG over mines nor is indicative of any change in jurisdiction.

Mines that currently utilize audiometric contractors should not see a change in service. For mines that continue to employ in-house audiometric technicians, these technicians if they have not already, will have to obtain WorkSafeBC training and certification. The mining audiograms will also have to be submitted via WorkSafeBC's electronic submission process.

During this transitional period EMNG will continue to accept mining audiograms until March 2013 after which audiograms should be submitted to WorkSafeBC.

The Ministry believes this new process will ensure the best service for the mining industry and be the most cost effective method for government.

If you have any questions regarding this change in process, please contact Caroline Nakatsuka, (250) 952-0500 or Caroline.Nakatsuka@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Hoffman".

Al Hoffman, P.Eng.
Chief Inspector of Mines