



RELEASE – NEW BLBA PM PART 0 - Overview

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**EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:**

The Coal Mine (BLBA) Procedure Manual Part 0 – Overview was issued in February 1980 and has been updated only once since that time, with a revised checklist in 1993.

This transmittal releases a completely updated version of Part 0 that reflects the many changes to the Black Lung Benefits Act, the Regulations, the structures of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs and the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, policies and procedures, and technology that have impacted the Black Lung Program since the original was issued.

The new Part 0 reflects technological change in the Program, as well as accessibility to the electronic version of the Procedure Manual and to greatly increased research capability. As a result, several components of the original Part 0 have been deleted as obsolete.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steven D. Breeskin".

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**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Remove entire PART 0 and replace with new PART 0.

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