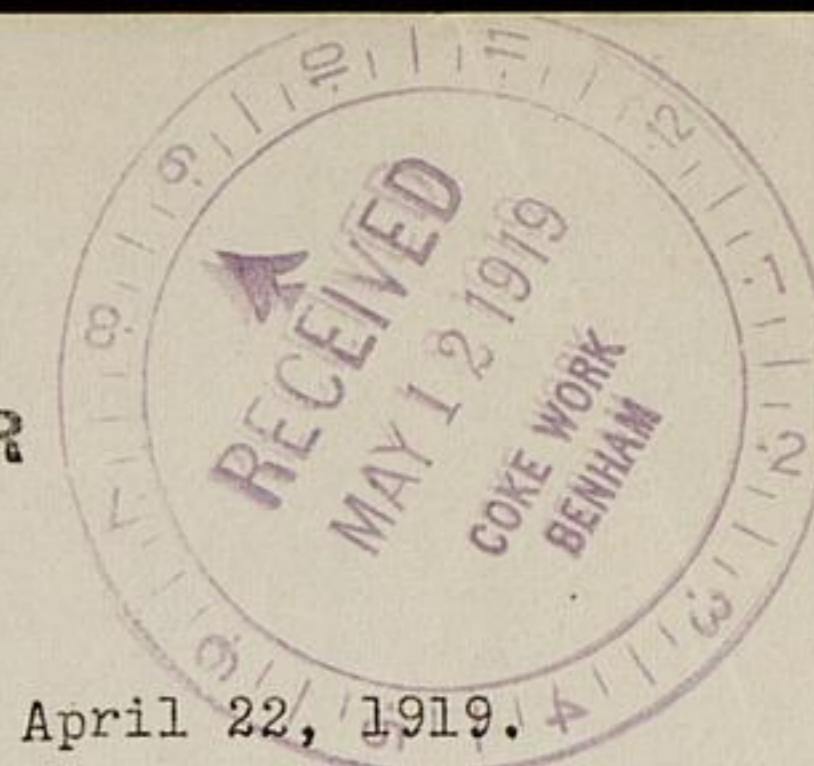


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES

WASHINGTON



April 22, 1919.

Dear Sir:

Dedication of the imposing group of new buildings provided by Congress for the Pittsburgh Experiment Station of the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, will take place with formal ceremonies during the week of September 29 to October 4, 1919. It is expected that Secretary of the Interior Lane and other high officials of the Government, the Governors of several States and many representatives of the mining industry will be present. You and other officials of your company are invited to attend.

Part of the week will be given to a nation-wide first-aid and mine rescue meet to be held under the auspices of the Bureau of Mines at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Pa., adjacent to the new Bureau of Mines buildings. This event should be made even more notable in the movement for safety and efficiency in the mining and metallurgical industries than was the First National Mine Safety Demonstration held at Pittsburgh in 1911. On the morning and afternoon of September 30, there will be elimination first-aid and mine rescue contests open to all teams from the mining and metallurgical industries in the United States. Souvenir banners, badges, and mementos will be given to all teams that actually compete. All teams competing will be rated by judges; the twenty first-aid teams (if there are thirty or more entries) and the ten mine rescue teams (if there are twenty or more entries) receiving the highest rating will on the following day compete in their respective events for national supremacy and the national contest cups, medals, and other prizes that will be awarded. If less than thirty first-aid or twenty mine rescue teams are entered, the number allowed to qualify for the final judging will be cut proportionately. The ratings made in preliminary and final contests by the teams found eligible for the finals will be made public; the rating of a team not qualifying will be made known to that team only.

The sole expense connected with the entry of a team will be the cost of transportation and subsistence of the men on the team. It is expected that each team will provide its own rescue and first-aid equipment.

In order that this meet may be an unqualified success your cooperation is earnestly desired. On behalf of the Bureau of Mines, I invite your company to enter one or more first-aid and mine rescue teams. Any suggestions you may have to offer in connection with the plan as outlined above will be given careful consideration.

An entry blank is enclosed herewith. When this entry blank is received by the Bureau, the general rules that will govern the contest will be mailed you.

If the Bureau can be of service to you by giving first-aid or mine rescue training from any of its rescue cars or stations, please advise the Bureau as soon as practicable so that your requirements can be taken care of as far as possible in ample time.

Very truly yours,

Van. N. Manning

Director.