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"MINE REGULATION REPORTER is a regulatory information service for mine operators, contractors, attorneys and government officials. Every two weeks this service offers in-depth reporting on legal issues that affect the mining community. This report briefs the mining industry on federal/state regulations and legislation of health, safety and environmental requirements for surface and underground mines and quarries...

"Every day I go through the Federal Register gathering information that would interest the mining community. I keep in touch with states regarding their state programs. I've subscribed to a service that sends me federal and district court cases that affect the mining community. Lastly, I cover agencies entrusted with mining regulation such as OSM, IBLA, OHA, MSHA and FMSHRC.

"All this vital information gets transcribed from 'legalese' to plain English that the lay person can understand...There is a document section in the newsletter with reprints of all the documents collected for that issue.

"My goal is to provide companies with information that can help them avoid costly and damaging violations of mining regulations and to help companies and groups prepare compliance or defense strategies."

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"Broadly stated, my interest is the coal industry; from the product in the ground, its mining, beneficiation, sale and use, and all the processes and people involved.

"More closely defined, those interests are in new technology and mining methods being developed for underground and surface mining, as well as for the preparation plant and the handling of waste materials and inactive facilities. Due to the nature of our publication, COAL, the technology takes preference over the individual. It is the how, not the who, in which lies our primary interest.

"...Our readers (are) the decision makers within the coal industry and those industries which support it. Our goal is to remain the 'bible' of the coal industry, informing more than entertaining; always factual, never farcical.

"Within the journalistic family, ours is 'friendly press,' meaning our goal is dissemination of information which will be of benefit to the industry. Errors in judgment of the moment, interesting asides which would embarrass the individual while entertaining the reader, and sensationalism are not the grist for our mill. Accuracy is one of our cornerstones, and maintaining it often means working with the principals after the initial interviews...Our success is based on and dependent on a mutual respect and trust between the editors, the subjects, and the readers."