



Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission
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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON HEARINGS

March 18, 2020

Glynn F. Voisin, Chief Administrative Law Judge:

In view of the risks presented by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judges (OCALJ) is, effective immediately, suspending all in-person hearings, settlement judge conferences and mediations until Friday, April 30, 2020.

With the consent of the parties and in coordination with the presiding administrative law judge, hearings may continue by telephone or by other means. Similarly, settlement judge conferences and mediations may be held by telephone or by other means. If the parties agree that an in-person evidentiary hearing is not needed, cases may also be presented for a decision on the record.

The parties will be notified if the hearing needs to be rescheduled. OCALJ will reassess the risks presented by in-person hearings prior to April 30, 2020, and issue a subsequent order informing the public as to whether the suspension of in-person hearings will continue.

If you have any questions with regard to the notice, please contact the presiding administrative law judge.

SO ORDERED.

Glynn F. Voisin,
Chief Administrative Law Judge