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The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert E. Barrett, of Hollsopple, Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration. This is a new position created by law on November 16, 1973.

Since October 1974, Mr. Barrett has been a coal mine specialist in the office of the Administrator of the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration. From August 1972 to October 1974, he was District Manager, District 2 of MESA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was Subdistrict Manager of Coal Mine Health & Safety for MESA in District 2 in 1971-72. During 1970-71, he was a coal mine Staff Specialist with the Coal Mine Health & Safety, for MESA in Pittsburgh. He was a management trainee in District A with the Coal Mine Health & Safety for MESA in the Pittsburgh area and coal mine inspector in District A from September 1964 to October 1968.

Mr. Barrett was born on February 21, 1928, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and received his B.A. degree in 1975 from the University of Pittsburgh. He served in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1948. He joined the Bethlehem Mines Corporation in 1948 as a general laborer and later was a loading machine operator and in 1952, became assistant mine foreman in 1952 and remained in that position until 1964.

Mr. Barrett is married to the former Lois I. Coutts and they have three children.

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