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Form 3 Holdings Reported.

Form 4 Transactions Reported.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MINE SAFETY APPLIANCE CO STOCK COMPENSATION TRUST (Last) (First) (Middle) PNC BANK, NA, TRUSTEE C/O MSA - 121 GAMMA DRIVE (Street) PITTSBURGH PA 15238 (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [MSA]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2003					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, no par value	03/12/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	26,150	D	\$0.00	1,358,479	D	
Common Stock, no par value	04/02/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	13,704	D	\$0.00	1,344,775	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/13/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	1,085	D	\$0.00	1,343,690	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/16/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	400	D	\$0.00	1,343,290	D	
Common Stock, no par value	06/06/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	2,285	D	\$0.00	1,341,005	D	
Common Stock, no par value	06/19/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	2,500	D	\$0.00	1,338,505	D	
Common Stock, no par value	06/27/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	1,785	D	\$0.00	1,336,720	D	
Common Stock, no par value	07/09/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	2,975	D	\$0.00	1,333,745	D	
Common Stock, no par value	07/10/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	500	D	\$0.00	1,333,245	D	
Common Stock, no par value	08/13/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	8,805	D	\$0.00	1,324,440	D	
Common Stock, no par value	08/25/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	3,788	D	\$0.00	1,320,652	D	
Common Stock, no par value	09/04/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	6,120	D	\$0.00	1,314,532	D	
Common Stock, no par value	09/10/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	15,918	D	\$0.00	1,298,614	D	
Common Stock, no par value	09/15/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	4,320	D	\$0.00	1,294,294	D	
Common Stock, no par value	09/23/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	500	D	\$0.00	1,293,794	D	
Common Stock, no par value	10/03/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	1,050	D	\$0.00	1,292,744	D	
Common Stock, no par value	10/10/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	630	D	\$0.00	1,292,114	D	
Common Stock, no par value	11/06/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	3,000	D	\$0.00	1,289,114	D	
Common Stock, no par value	11/07/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	4,770	D	\$0.00	1,284,344	D	
Common Stock, no par value	11/10/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	1,275	D	\$0.00	1,283,069	D	
Common Stock, no par value	11/11/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	2,010	D	\$0.00	1,281,059	D	
Common Stock, no par value	11/12/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	10,249	D	\$0.00	1,270,810	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/11/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	5,952	D	\$0.00	1,264,858	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/12/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	2,743	D	\$0.00	1,262,115	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/17/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	9,491	D	\$0.00	1,252,624	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/19/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	12,445	D	\$0.00	1,240,179	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/22/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	2,102	D	\$0.00	1,238,077	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/23/2003		J ⁽¹⁾	1,000	D	\$0.00	1,237,077	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Distribution from Trust.

Remarks:

The filing of this Form 5 by the Trust does not constitute and should not be construed as an admission that either the Trust or PNC Bank, NA, as Trustee of the Trust, beneficially owns any securities covered by this Form 5. In this connection, the Trust and the Trustee disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities covered by this Form 5.

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney-in-Fact MSA 01/20/2004
Stock Compensation Trust

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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With Respect to Securities of Mine Safety Appliances Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Douglas K. McClaine or the General Counsel of Mine Safety Appliar
at said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his, her or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The under

This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect unless and until notice of its revocation shall have been filed by the undersigned with the Securities &

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed and delivered this Power of Attorney the date set forth below.

Date: January 13, 2004

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY
STOCK COMPENSATION TRUST COMMITTEE

By: /s/Dennis L. Zeitler
Dennis L. Zeitler
Member of the Committee