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**FIRE BRIGADE MEMBERS FROM ALL MURRAY ENERGY MINES
CERTIFIED IN MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF EMERGENCY
BREATHING APPARATUS**

Training and certification vital component of safety programs at all of Murray Energy Corporation's independent operating subsidiary companies

(Pepper Pike, OH – March 13, 2009) – Two members from each of Murray Energy Corporation's independent operating subsidiaries' fire brigades were recently certified in the maintenance and service of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs), used by the brigades when responding to fires and other mine emergencies where breathing protection is required.

Mine fire brigades are specially-trained teams of miners who function as first responders onsite in the event of a fire, one of the most dangerous hazards at a mine. Murray Energy Corporation has fire brigades at all of its mines.

Participating fire brigade members received certification by apparatus manufacturer Draeger after completing a three-day course at the company's training facility in Pittsburgh, Pa. The certification allows the men to perform regular maintenance and repair of the emergency breathing equipment that is placed in strategic locations throughout Murray Energy's mines.

According to Rob Murray, vice president of business development and external affairs at Murray Energy Corporation, ensuring the safety of workers is the top priority at all the company's mines, and maintaining safety equipment in working order is critical.

“We have technologically advanced safety systems in all of our mines, well-trained fire brigades, and top-notch safety procedures, but all of that makes little difference if the safety equipment does not function properly,” he said. “Having members of our fire brigade certified to maintain and service emergency breathing apparatus is extremely important because, in an emergency, that equipment can mean the difference between life and death.”

Fire brigade members who completed the training include: Ryan Twarog and Bill Mullett, from the American Energy Corporation’s Century Mine in Beallsville, Ohio; John Voleck, Jason Jeffe and Leonard Barone from The Ohio Valley Coal Company’s Powhatan No. 6 Mine in Alledonia, Ohio; Ross Stanley and Brent Vanfossen from The American Coal Company’s Galatia Mining Complex in Galatia, Illinois; Ron Winebarger and Matt Allen from KenAmerican Resources, Inc.’s Paradise Mine in Central City, Kentucky; and Tad Fausett and Mike Porter from UtahAmerican Energy’s West Ridge Mine in East Carbon, Utah.

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