MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO Form SC 13G/A February 10, 2005

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

(RULE 13D-102)

# INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1 AND 13D-2 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(AMENDMENT NO. 25)

Mine Safety Appliances Company	
(Name of Issuer)	
Common Stock	
(Title of Class of Securities)	
602720104	
(CUSIP Number)	
December 31, 2004	

( Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
x Rule 13d-1(b)
"Rule 13d-1(c)
"Rule 13d-1(d)

CUSIP No. 6	602720104	Page 1 of 7 Pages
1) Names	of Reporting Persons	
IRS Ide	entification No. Of Above Persons	
	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	
2) Check t	25-1435979 the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	
a) "		
b) " 3) SEC US	SE ONLY	
4) Citizens	ship or Place of Organization	
	Pennsylvania 5) Sole Voting Power	
Number of	161,579	
Shares	6) Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially		
Owned By	-0-	
Each	7) Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting		
Person	139,412	
With	8) Shared Dispositive Power	
9) Aggreg	3,153,989 rate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	

3,314,051\*

*See	the	response	to.	Item	4
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10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

See Instructions

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

8.89\*

\*See the response to Item 4.
12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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CUSIP No. 6	502720104	Page 2 of 7 Pages
1) Names	of Reporting Persons	
IRS Ide	entification No. Of Above Persons	
	PNC Bancorp, Inc.	
2) Check t	51-0326854 the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	
a) "		
b) " 3) SEC US	SE ONLY	
4) Citizens	ship or Place of Organization	
	Delaware 5) Sole Voting Power	
Number of	161,579	
Shares	6) Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially		
Owned By	-0-	
Each	7) Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting		
Person	139,412	
With	8) Shared Dispositive Power	
9) Aggrega	3,153,989 ate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
	3,314,051*	

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10)	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

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CUSIP No. 6	02720104	Page 3 of 7 Pages
1) Names of	of Reporting Persons	
IRS Ide	ntification No. Of Above Persons	
	PNC Bank, National Association	
2) Check th	22-1146430 he Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	
a) "		
b) " 3) SEC US	SE ONLY	
4) Citizens	hip or Place of Organization	
	United States 5) Sole Voting Power	
Number of	112,979	
Shares	6) Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially		
Owned By	-0-	
Each	7) Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting		
Person	90,812	
With	8) Shared Dispositive Power	
9) Aggrega	3,153,989  ate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
	3,265,451*	

	"See the response to item 4.
10)	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

See Instructions

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

8.77\*

\*See the response to Item 4.

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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December 31, 2004

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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

CUSIP No. 602	2720104	Page 4 of 7 Pages
1) Names of	Reporting Persons	
IRS Ident	ification No. Of Above Persons	
1	BlackRock Advisors, Inc.	
	23-2784752 Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	
a) "		
b) " 3) SEC USE	ONLY	
4) Citizenshi	p or Place of Organization	
I	Delaware 5) Sole Voting Power	
Number of	48,600	
Shares	6) Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially		
Owned By	-0-	
Each	7) Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting		
Person	48,600	
With	8) Shared Dispositive Power	
9) Aggregate	-0- e Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
	48,600 he Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares	

See Instructions

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

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12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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ITEM 2(a) - NAME OF PERSON FILING:

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.; PNC Bancorp, Inc.;

PNC Bank, National Association; and BlackRock Advisors, Inc.

ITEM 2(b) - ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. - One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2707

PNC Bancorp, Inc. - 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 304, Wilmington, DE 19801

PNC Bank, National Association - One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2707

BlackRock Advisors, Inc. - 100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19809

ITEM 2(c) - CITIZENSHIP:

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. - Pennsylvania

PNC Bancorp, Inc. - Delaware

PNC Bank, National Association - United States

BlackRock Advisors, Inc. - Delaware

#### ITEM 3 - IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b), CHECK

#### WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) "Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act;
- (b) x Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;
- (c) "Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act;
- (d) "Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act;
- (e) x An Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) "An Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) x A Parent Holding Company or Control Person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) " A Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;

(i)	 A Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an Investment Company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company
	Act;

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If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box. "

ITEM 4 - OWNERSHIP:

The following information is as of December 31, 2004:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

(b) Percent of Class:

(c) Number of shares to which such person has:

(d) a sola request to water direct the variety of the state of the stat

(i)sole power to vote or to direct the vote161,579(ii)shared power to vote or to direct the vote-0-(iii)sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of139,412(iv)shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of3,153,989

<sup>\*</sup> On June 4, 1996, the Mine Safety Appliances Company Stock Compensation Trust (the Trust), of which PNC Bank, National Association, acts as Trustee, purchased 600,000 shares of common stock, no par value, of Mine Safety Appliances Company (the Company). The purchase price for such common stock was paid for by a loan from the Company to the Trustee as evidenced by a promissory note. The Trust was established and the Company s common stock so purchased to provide assurance of the availability of the shares of the Company s common stock necessary to satisfy certain obligations of

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the Company and its subsidiaries under certain designated non-qualified employee plans, in accordance with a Trust Agreement effective as of June 1, 1996. On May 25, 2000, the Company declared a 3-for-1 stock split thereby increasing the number of total shares in the Trust from 600,000 to 1,800,000. Pursuant to this amendment to Schedule 13G, PNC Bank, National Association, as Trustee of the Trust, reports that it is deemed to have no voting power, but may have shared dispositive power, with respect to the 3,151,222 shares held in the Trust as of December 31, 2004. The filing of this amendment does not constitute, and should not be construed as, an admission that either PNC Bank, National Association, as Trustee of the Trust, or the Trust beneficially owns such securities. In connection therewith, the Trustee and the Trust disclaim beneficial ownership of such securities.

#### ITEM 7 - IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED

THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Included are the following subsidiaries of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. - HC:

PNC Bancorp, Inc. - HC (wholly owned subsidiary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.)

PNC Bank, National Association - BK (wholly owned subsidiary of PNC Bancorp, Inc.)

BlackRock Advisors, Inc. - IA (indirect subsidiary of PNC Bancorp, Inc.)

ITEM 10 - CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

#### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 10, 2005
Date
By: /s/ Joan L. Gulley
Signature - The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.  Joan L. Gulley, Vice President
Name & Title
February 10, 2005
Date
By: /s/ Maria C. Schaffer
Signature - PNC Bancorp, Inc.
Maria C. Schaffer, Executive Vice President
Name & Title
February 10, 2005
Date
By: /s/ Joan L. Gulley
Signature - PNC Bank, National Association
Joan L. Gulley, Executive Vice President
Name & Title
February 10, 2005
Date
By: /s/ Robert S. Kapito
Signature - BlackRock Advisors, Inc.
Robert S. Kapito, Vice Chairman
Name & Title

AN AGREEMENT TO FILE A JOINT STATEMENT FOR

THE PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.,

PNC BANCORP, INC. AND PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

WAS PREVIOUSLY FILED AS EXHIBIT A TO AMENDMENT NO. 11

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<u>EXHIBIT</u>
AGREEMENT
February 10, 2005
The undersigned hereby agrees to file a joint statement on Schedule 13G under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Act in connection with their beneficial ownership of Common Stock issued by Mine Safety Appliances Company.
The undersigned states that it is entitled to individually use Schedule 13G pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) of the Act.
The undersigned is responsible for the timely filing of the statement and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning themselves contained therein but is not responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other joint filers.
This Agreement applies to any amendments to Schedule 13G.
BLACKROCK ADVISORS, INC.
BY: /s/ Robert S. Kapito
Robert S. Kapito,

Vice Chairman