

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. 15)

Mine Safety Appliance Company

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

602720-104

(CUSIP Number)

CUSIP No. 602720-104

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1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
PNC Bank Corp. 25-1435979

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
a) []
b) []

3) SEC USE ONLY

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Pennsylvania

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With

5) Sole Voting Power	66,769
6) Shared Voting Power	273,876

7) Sole Dispositive Power	331,176
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8) Shared Dispositive Power	603,700
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	940,645*
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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) 16.2*

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) HC

* See the response to Item 4.

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- 1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
PNC Bancorp, Inc. 51-0326854
 - 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - a) []
 - b) []
 - 3) SEC USE ONLY
 - 4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware
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| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With | 5) Sole Voting Power | 66,769 |
| | 6) Shared Voting Power | 273,876 |
| | 7) Sole Dispositive Power | 331,176 |
| | 8) Shared Dispositive Power | 603,700 |
| 9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person | | 940,645* |
| 10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) | | [] |
| 11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) | | 16.2* |
| 12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) | | HC |

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- b) []

3) SEC USE ONLY

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization United States

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With	5) Sole Voting Power	65,769
	6) Shared Voting Power	273,876

	7) Sole Dispositive Power	331,176
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	8) Shared Dispositive Power	603,700
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 939,645*

10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 16.2*

12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) BK

+ Reflects September 6, 1996 merger of PNC Bank, National Association with and into Midlantic Bank, National Association, with the surviving bank continuing under the name "PNC Bank, National Association."

* See the response to Item 4.

ITEM 4 - OWNERSHIP:

The following information is as of December 31, 1996:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 940,645* shares

(b) Percent of Class: 16.2*

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

- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 66,769
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote 273,876
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 331,176
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 603,700

* 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 the Company and its subsidiaries under certain designated non-qualified employee plans, in accordance with a Trust Agreement effective as of June 1, 1996. Pursuant to this amendment to Schedule 13G, PNC Bank, National Association, as Trustee of the Trust, reports that it has no voting power, but may have shared dispositive power, with respect to these 600,000 shares held in the Trust. 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 10 - CERTIFICATION.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were

not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes 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 14, 1997

Date

/s/ ROBERT L. HAUNSCHILD

Signature - PNC Bank Corp.

Robert L. Haunschild, Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Name/Title

February 14, 1997

Date

/s/ PAUL L. AUDET

Signature - PNC Bancorp, Inc.

Paul L. Audet, Vice President

Name/Title

February 14, 1997

Date

/s/ THOMAS R. MOORE

Signature - PNC Bank, National Association

Thomas R. Moore, Vice President and
Assistant Secretary

Name/Title

AN AGREEMENT TO FILE A JOINT
STATEMENT WAS PREVIOUSLY FILED
AS EXHIBIT A TO AMENDMENT NO. 11.