

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. 17)

Mine Safety Appliances Company

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

602720104

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 1998

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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

- Rule 13d-1(b)
 Rule 13d-1(c)
 Rule 13d-1(d)

CUSIP No. 602720104

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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	63,904
	6) Shared Voting Power	271,376

	7) Sole Dispositive Power	329,520
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	8) Shared Dispositive Power	601,300
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	935,280*
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10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)	16.2*
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12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	HC
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* 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 | 5) Sole Voting Power | 63,904 |
| Beneficially Owned | | |
| By Each Reporting | 6) Shared Voting Power | 271,376 |
| Person With | | |
| | 7) Sole Dispositive Power | 329,520 |
| | 8) Shared Dispositive Power | 601,300 |
| 9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person | | 935,280* |
| 10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain
Shares (See Instructions) | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) | | 16.2* |
| 12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) | | HC |

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1) Names of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
PNC Bank, National Association 22-1146430

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 United States

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With

5) Sole Voting Power	63,904
6) Shared Voting Power	271,376

7) Sole Dispositive Power	329,520
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8) Shared Dispositive Power	601,300
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9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 935,280*

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

* See the response to Item 4.

ITEM 4 - OWNERSHIP:

The following information is as of December 31, 1998:

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 935,280* 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 | 63,904 |
| (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote | 271,376 |
| (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of | 329,520 |
| (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of | 601,300 |

* 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 the 577,600 shares held in the Trust as of December 31, 1998. 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 PNC Bank Corp. - HC:

PNC Bancorp, Inc. - HC (wholly owned subsidiary of PNC Bank Corp.)

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

PNC Bank, FSB - BK (wholly owned 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 are 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 12, 1999

Date

/s/ ROBERT L. HAUNSCHILD

Signature - PNC Bank Corp.

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

Name/Title

February 12, 1999

Date

/s/ JAMES B. YAHNER

Signature - PNC Bancorp, Inc.

James B. Yahner, Vice President

Name/Title

February 12, 1999

Date

/s/ THOMAS R. MOORE

Signature - PNC Bank, National Association

Thomas R. Moore, Vice President and Secretary

Name/Title

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