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MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form SC 13D/A  
March 22, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 2)

Mine Safety Appliances Company

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

602720 10 4

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(CUSIP Number)

Nelson W. Winter, Esquire  
Reed Smith LLP  
435 Sixth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219  
(412) 288-3310

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

June 27, 2000

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box. \*

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\* The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act.

CUSIP NO. 602720 10 4

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1) Names of Reporting Persons, I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (entities only)

John T. Ryan III

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

(a) -----

(b) X  
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3) SEC Use Only

4) Source of Funds (See Instructions) 00  
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5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items  
2(d) or 2(e)

6) Citizenship or Place of Organization U.S.A.  
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Number of	(7) Sole Voting Power	600,287
Shares Bene-		-----
ficially		
Owned by	(8) Shared Voting Power	1,220,523
Each Report-		-----
ing Person		
With	(9) Sole Dispositive Power	600,287
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	(10) Shared Dispositive Power	2,345,523
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11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,945,810  
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12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See  
Instructions)

13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 21.7%  
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14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN  
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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

Common Stock, no par value (the "Common Stock"), of Mine Safety Appliances  
Company (the "Company"), P.O. Box 426, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230.

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Item 2. Identity and Background.

- (a) Name of Person Filing: John T. Ryan III
- (b) Residence or Business Address: Mine Safety Appliances Company  
P.O. Box 426  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230
- (c) Present Principal Occupation: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
of the Company.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

See Items 7 through 11 and 13 of the cover page.

As filed on July 7, 2000, Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D indicated that the undersigned and the other members of the Investment Committee of the Trust for the Company's Non-Contributory Pension Plan for Employees shared both voting and dispositive power over the 1,125,000 shares of Common Stock held by the Trust. This Amendment is filed to report that while the members of the Investment Committee do share dispositive power over the shares of Common Stock held in the Trust, sole voting power over these shares is held by PNC Bank, N.A., as trustee of the Trust. In this regard, see the Schedule 13G with respect to the Company's Common Stock filed by PNC Bank, N.A. and its affiliated entities.

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.

/s/ John T. Ryan III

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John T. Ryan III

Date: March 16, 2001