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SUBJECT: Rules and Regulations Governing the Initial Training Program for Prospective Mine Rescue Team Members in the State of West Virginia

Section 1. General

1.01² Authority - These rules and regulations are issued under authority of West Virginia Code Chapter 22A, Article 6A 9, Section 6 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29A, Article 3 of the West Virginia Code.

1.02 Effective Date - These rules and regulations were promulgated on the 5 day of Oct., 19 78, and became effective on the 4 day of Nov, 19 78.

1.03 Filing Date - These rules and regulations were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on the 5 day of Oct, 19 78.

Section 2. Criteria for the Initial Mine Rescue Team Member Training Program for Prospective Mine Rescue Team Members in West Virginia

2.01 Physical Requirements

(a) An applicant for initial mine rescue training shall not have reached their fiftieth (50) birthday. Any person making application to participate in initial mine rescue training shall have had an examination by a physician, who shall certify that such applicant is physically fit to perform mine rescue and recovery work while wearing a self-contained oxygen breathing apparatus. The physical examination shall be completed within thirty (30) days prior to scheduled initial training.

(b) A physician shall fill out West Virginia Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy physical form, and such form shall be presented to the Mine Rescue Training Instructor five (5) days prior to scheduled initial training.

Section 3. Experience Requirements

(a) An applicant for initial mine rescue training shall have been employed underground for a total of one (1) year or more within the three (3) preceding years.

Section 4. Training Requirements

(a) Each applicant for initial mine rescue training shall complete a 31-hour course of instruction, as prescribed and approved by the Board of Miner Training, Education, and Certification in Section 6 in the use, care, and maintenance of the type of apparatus that will be utilized.

(b) If the type of apparatus is changed, a mine rescue team member shall receive an additional eight (8) hour training.

(c) Each member of a mine rescue team shall have completed a West Virginia Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy approved First-Aid course.

(d) Each mine rescue team member shall train at intervals not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days. Each training session shall not be less than four (4) hours. Training shall include the wearing and use of the apparatuses by the mine rescue team members for a period of at least one (1) hour under oxygen.

(e) A mine rescue team member who is absent from more than three (3) of the 4-hour training sessions in 1 year shall be replaced. Except that in an event of illness or injury, time extensions shall be permitted as established by the ~~Director~~ Commissioner of the Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy.

(f) A record of training of each team member shall be on file at such locations where the apparatuses are stored.

Section 5. Mine Rescue Instructor Requirements

(a) Must have been a mine rescue team member for at least 2 years or received special training approved by the ~~Director~~ Commissioner of the Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy.

(b) Must have at least 3 years underground mining experience or received special training approved by the ~~Director~~ Commissioner of the Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy.

(c) Must be thoroughly trained with the use and care of all types of detection instruments and apparatuses to be used by the team.

(d) Must demonstrate to the ~~Director~~ Commissioner of the Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy or his representative that he is qualified to serve as an instructor.

(e) Instructors for initial training of mine rescue team members shall be approved by the Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy.

Section 6. Course Outline of the Initial Training Program for Mine
Rescue Team Members

6.1 This course outline is sequenced for 31-hours of student-instructor contact.

(a) First Session

- 4 hours - Introduction, and lecture in use, care and maintenance of apparatus
- 1 hour - Charging, testing, and readying the apparatus to wear
- 1 hour - Wearing apparatus (walking, no manual labor)
- 1/2 hour - Removing and putting apparatus away
- 1 hour - Lecture in Mine Rescue Procedures

(b) Second Session

- 4 hours - Lecture in use, care and maintenance of apparatus and question and answer period
- 1/2 hour - Testing apparatus for use
- 1 1/2 hours - Wearing apparatus (performing strenuous work)
- 1 1/2 hours - Cleaning apparatus

(c) Third Session

- 1 hour - Question and answer period
- 1/2 hour - Readyng apparatus for use
- 1 1/2 hours - Wearing apparatus (performing strenuous work)
- 1 hour - Care and cleaning of apparatus
- 4 hours - Mine Rescue Procedures

(d) Fourth Session

- 1 hour - Question and answer period
- 1/2 hour - Recharging and testing apparatus for use
- 1 1/2 hours - Wearing apparatus (performing strenuous work and working in smoke room wearing apparatus)
- 1 hour - Care and cleaning apparatus
- 4 hours - Procedure and examination-testing shall determine if student knows how to cope with malfunctions which he could possibly be confronted with during rescue work

(e) At the completion of the 31-hour training in Mine Rescue and Mine Rescue Procedures the student shall reveal by examination that he is capable of, or had knowledge of, caring and cleaning apparatus, recharging oxygen cylinders, properly washing face pieces, wearing apparatus, working by-pass, use and operation of oxygen pump, use and operation of cascade system, and properly trained in testing the high pressure and low pressure of the breathing apparatus.

Section 7. Alternate Approved Training Program

7.1 An operator electing to develop an alternate training program, must obtain approval of its program from the Board of Miner Training, Education, and Certification.

7.2 Any operator not using the training course guidelines established by the Department of ~~Mines~~ Energy and seeks approval of its training program shall submit such program to the Board of Miner Training, Education, and Certification for approval.

Section 8. Certification

8.1 Upon completion of the 31-hour training program a mine rescue certification certificate will be issued to such a person who has demonstrated by examination his competency and qualifications.