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TO: Honorable A. James Manchin, Secretary of State

FROM: Walter N. Miller, Director of Mines *W.N.M.*

DATE: August 3, 1978

SUBJECT: Amended Proposed Rules And Regulations Governing
The Initial Training Program For Prospective Mine
Rescue Team Members In The State Of West Virginia

On June 5, 1978, at 10:00 A.M. A public hearing was held in the West Virginia Department of Mines Conference Room located at 1615 Washington Street East, in the City of Charleston, County of Kanawha, State of West Virginia, upon the proposed Rules and Regulations pertaining to the proposed rules and Regulations Governing the initial training program for prospective mine rescue team members in the State of West Virginia.

Enclosed Please find three (3) copies of the amended Aforementioned proposed regulations.

The Department of Mines has submitted seventeen (17) copies of the Aforementioned proposed rules and regulations to the Legislative Review Committee.

cc: John Homburg, Legislative Services

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Mr. John Homburg, Attorney
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are seventeen (17) copies of proposed Regulation issued by the West Virginia Department of Mines governing the initial training program for prospective Mine Rescue team members in the State of West Virginia. These regulations are Designed Series 11 of Chapter 22-4 of the West Virginia Administrative Regulations.

I hereby certify that the attached regulations are true and accurate copies of official regulations adopted by the Department of Mines.

Yours For Mine Safety

Walter N. Miller
Director

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Section 1. General

- 1.01 Authority - these Rules and Regulations are issued under authority of West Virginia Code, Chapter 22, Article 6A, Section 6 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29-A, Article 3, of the West Virginia Code. ,
- 1.02 Effective Date - these Rules and Regulations were promulgated on the _____ day of _____, 1978 and became effective on the _____ day of _____, 1978.
- 1.03 Filing Date - these Rules and Regulations were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on the _____ day of _____, 1978.

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, (50th) 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 30 days prior to scheduled initial training.

- (B). A physician shall fill out West Virginia Department of Mines 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 year or more within the three preceding years.

Section 4 Training Requirements

- (A). Each applicant for initial mine rescue training shall complete a 31-hour course of instruction, as prescribed or 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 8-hour training.
- (C). Each member of a mine rescue team shall have completed a West Virginia Department of Mines approved First-Aid Course.
- (D). Each mine rescue team member shall train at intervals not exceeding 30 calendar days. Each training session shall not be less than 4 hours. Training shall include the wearing and use of the apparatuses by the mine rescue team members for a period of at least 1 hour under oxygen.
- (E). A mine rescue team member who is absent from more than 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 of the Department of Mines.
- (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 Instructors Requirements

- (A). Must have been a mine rescue team member for at least 2 years or received special training approved by the Director of the Department of Mines.
- (B). Must have at least 3 years underground mining experience or received special training approved by the Director of the Department of Mines.
- (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 of the Department of Mines 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.

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 bypass,
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 and seeks approval of its training program shall submit such program to the Board of Mine 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.