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DEPARTMENT OF MINES

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SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AUTHORITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY OF UNDERGROUND MINE FOREMEN; RESPONSIBILITY OF OPERATOR IN RELATION TO MINE FOREMAN; AND REGULATORY REVIEW PROCEDURES

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State of West Virginia

Department of Mines

Charleston 25305

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Governor

WALTER N. MILLER
Director

TO: Office of the Secretary of State

FROM: Walter N. Miller, Director
West Virginia Department of Mines W.C.C.

RE: Notice of Filing of Emergency Procedural Regulations and
statement of facts and circumstances constituting emer-
gency.

DATE: March 3, 1983

The Department of Mines is, this date, filing emergency rules and regulations relating to procedures for temporary suspension of certificates issued to persons pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Code of West Virginia pending full hearing before the Board of Appeals. In response to a writ of Mandamus issued by the Supreme Court of Appeals on January 28, 1983 in the case of State ex rel. Perry v. Miller, No. 15655, these regulations are made effective this date in order to effectuate the provisions of said writ.

There are now pending several cases before the Board of Appeals where the Director has charged a certified person with neglect and/or failure to perform statutory duties and such certified persons continue to hold and utilize state certificates. The immediate promulgation of this rule is necessary to more closely supervise state certified persons charged with serious health and safety violations and lessen the risk to the lives and safety of the persons protected by the statute.

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RE: Procedures for Temporary Suspension of Certificates Issued to Persons Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Code of West Virginia Pending Full Hearing Before the Board of Appeals.

Section 1. General

1.01 Authority - These procedural rules are promulgated pursuant to Chapter 29A, Article 3, Section 3 and Chapter 29A, Article 3, Section 15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

1.02 Filing - These emergency regulations were filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on the 3rd day of March, 19 83 and are effective upon filing.

1.03 Definitions - Unless the context in which a word or term is used requires a different meaning, the definitions set out in Chapter 22, Article 1, Section 1 apply to these regulations.

Section 2. Procedures for Temporary Suspension of Certificates Issued to Persons Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Code of West Virginia Pending Full Hearing Before the Board of Appeals

2.01 Finding of Probable Cause by the Board of Appeals. No temporary suspension of the certificate of a certified person shall be made by the Director unless and until a finding of probable cause that such person has violated statutory duties has been made by the Board of Appeals according to the provision of Chapter 22, Article 1, Section 30(b) of the West Virginia Code.

2.02 Temporary Suspension of Certificates. The Director may order the temporary suspension of the certificate of any person certified pursuant to

Chapter 22 of the Code of West Virginia, pending a full evidentiary hearing before the Board of Appeals if an investigation by authorized representatives of the Director reveals that:

- (a) The certified person was active in the capacity which required or requires, the certification issued by the Director; or
- (b) Such certified person is, or was assigned by the operator or operator's agent to perform duties set out in the Code or regulations; and
- (c) Such certified person failed and/or neglected to perform such statutory or regulatory duties; and
- (d) Such failure and/or neglect of duty resulted in a finding by an authorized representative of the Director of a violation of a health and safety standard of the Code or regulations; and
- (e) Such violation of a health and safety standard resulted in the occurrence or a high likelihood of the occurrence of the event against which the standard is directed or designed to prevent.

The temporary suspension shall be effective upon issuance by the Director and shall remain effective until modified or terminated by the Director or the Board of Appeals.

2.03 Notification. The Director, or his authorized representative, shall notify the certified person in writing by personal service or certified mail that such person's certificate is temporarily suspended stating the reasons for such suspension.

2.04 Request for Modification. Any certified person whose certificate has been suspended pursuant to this regulation may request, in writing to the Board of Appeals, that the Director's suspension order be modified at any time after the finding of probable cause by the Board of Appeals.

2.05 Prior Proceedings. These regulations shall be applicable to all cases pending before the Board of Appeals on the date of promulgation, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Appeals. Except when ordered by the Board of Appeals, no reissuance of any pleading, documents or requests shall be required in such a proceeding.



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TO: STATE REGISTER Date: November 15, 1982
FROM: Walter N. Miller, Director W.N.M.
West Virginia Department of Mines
RE: Notice of Extension of the Effective Period
of Emergency Legislative Rules and Regulations
Governing the Submission and Approval of a
Comprehensive Mine Safety Program for Coal
Mining Operations in the State of West Virginia.

Notice is given that the previously filed emergency rules governing submission and approval of comprehensive mine safety programs are hereby in full force and effect for another period of one hundred and eighty days pursuant to West Virginia Code 29A-3-15(b). Relevant dates are as follows:

- March 31, 1982: Final rules adopted and filed pursuant to former provisions of Chapter 29A; effective date set at 45 days from filing; final rules filed w/LRMRC.
- May 11, 1982: Revision of State Administrative Procedures Act becomes effective.
- May 20, 1982: Rules become effective pursuant to former provisions of Chapter 29A; Emergency rules filed due to question of validity in light of 1982 revision of Chapter 29A.
- Nov. 9, 1982: Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee recommends rules for adoption by the full legislature without amendment.
- Nov. 15, 1982: Notice of Extension of Effective Period of Emergency Rules filed.
- Nov. 16, 1982: First 180 days of Emergency Rule Effectiveness expires.

In accordance with the provisions of Code 29A-3-15 the above-described rules are effective and the period of effectiveness is extended for another 180 day period or until the Legislature re-authorizes final adoption of such rules. The statement of emergency filed with these rules on May 20, 1982 is similarly extended and in full force and effect.