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SUBJECT: Rules and Regulations Governing Auger-Type Continuous Mining
Machines

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Section 1. General

1.1 Scope - This legislative rule establishes safety requirements for auger-type continuous mining machines used in underground coal mines.

1.2 Authority - West Virginia Code Chapter 22, Article 6, Section 4.

1.3 Filing Date - October 15, 1986

1.4 Effective Date - November 14, 1986

Section 2. Definitions

2.1 All terms used in this rule, not defined herein, shall have the meanings set forth in Chapter 22A, Article ~~2~~, Section 1 of the West Virginia Code.

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Section 3. Auger-Type Continuous Mining Machines

3.1 After the effective date of these regulations, all auger-type continuous miners used in a working place in a coal mine, which utilize manually-set jacks to advance the mining machine, shall be equipped with jacks which can be remotely set without proceeding inby roof support. This requirement shall be implemented according to the following schedule:

New machines purchased or leased directly from manufacturer	Immediately after effective date
Used and rebuilt machines, and machines purchased or leased from a source other than the manufacturer	Six (6) months after effective date
All other machines	Twenty-four (24) months after effective date

3.2 A waiver may be granted by the Director where it has been demonstrated by the operator and determined during an investigation by an authorized representative of the Director that the use of a remotely set jack would cause a greater hazard than the method presently being employed or proposed by the operator to advance the machine.