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Section 1. General

1.01 Authority - These rules and regulations are issued under authority of Section 4, Article 2A, Chapter 22 of the Code.

1.02 Effective Date - These rules and regulations were promulgated on the 25th day of May, 1984 and become effective on the 1st day of July, 1984.

1.03 These rules and regulations shall have the effect of law and violations shall be deemed a violation of law and so cited with the same effect as law. All provisions of Article 1, Chapter 22 of the Code relative to enforcement are applicable to the enforcement of these rules and regulations.

Section 2. Definitions

2.01 "High voltage powerline" means any uninsulated suspended power conductor carrying high voltage.

2.02 "Lanyard" means a rope, suitable for supporting one person. One end is fastened to a safety belt or harness and the other end is secured to a substantial object or a safety line.

2.03 "Lifeline" means a rope, suitable for supporting one person, to which a lanyard or safety belt (or harness) is attached.

2.04 "Safety belt" means a device, usually worn around the waist, which, by reason of its attachment to a lanyard and lifeline or a structure, will prevent a worker from falling.

2.05 All other terms used in these rules and regulations, not defined herein, shall have the meanings set forth in Section 1, Article 1, Chapter 22 of the Code.

Section 3. Operating Equipment with Suspended Material

3.01 All persons shall remain a safe distance from any supplies or materials while being raised, lowered, or in transit, by a fork lift, crane, or other equipment; provided, however, that whenever it is necessary to have persons other than the equipment operator in the immediate vicinity of any such supplies, the loads shall be securely fastened by a chain or other device to the equipment handling the load in order to prevent the load from slipping or falling off the equipment.

Section 4. Protection from Falls from Elevated Areas

4.01 Safety protection such as safety belts, lifelines, or lanyards to prevent a person from falling shall be provided at all times where the potential fall distance exceeds fifteen (15) feet, except that safety belts shall not be used where they are impractical or would pose a greater hazard.

4.02 Safety nets shall be provided when work places are more than 25 feet above the ground where the use of ladders, scaffolds, catch platforms, temporary floors, safety lines, or safety belts are impractical.

Section 5. Safety Precautions on Coal Stockpiles

5.01 The following requirements shall apply to all surface coal stockpiles with draw-off tunnel feeders underneath the coal storage area of the stockpile which discharge onto a conveyor belt: