

SEC. 131. The mine foreman, whenever in his opinion the mine is becoming dangerous from accumulations of gas, and additional ventilation is required, beyond the capacity of the ventilating equipment, shall notify the district mine inspector, who shall make an immediate personal examination, and if such inspector finds that the ventilating equipment is insufficient, he shall by special safety order require the operator to provide adequate equipment, and if necessary to make additional openings from the surface, or bore holes to furnish a vent in the case of gas accumulations.

CHAPTER XIX— *Fire Bosses.*

SEC. 132. The operator of every gaseous mine shall employ a sufficient number of fire bosses, each of whom shall satisfy the operator of his competency, and shall have first obtained a certificate of competency from the Examining Board, as hereinbefore provided. Such fire boss shall carefully examine, before each shift enters the mine, every working place, all places adjacent to live workings, every roadway, every unfenced road to abandoned workings, and falls in the mine, the entrance to worked-out portions of such mine, adjacent to roadways and working places under his charge, within which accumulations of explosive gas may gather; and at each working place such fire boss shall mark the date and his initials upon the face. He shall note the air at every such point, and shall see whether the air currents are traveling their proper course; and wherever he finds explosive gas or other danger, he shall either fence off the dangerous locality or place warning signals across the passage way, ordering all persons not to enter.

SEC. 133. Any mine foreman holding a first-class certificate of competency may act as fire boss; and in an emergency any fire boss, properly certified, may act as assistant mine foreman until a regularly qualified person may be employed.

SEC. 134. The operator shall provide a permanent station at or near the principal entrance of the mine, indicated plainly by legible signs, at which the fire boss shall attend before men go in to their shifts, to give information regarding the state of the mine. When the working portions of any mine are one mile or more from the entrance to such mine or from the bottom of the shaft or slope, a station may, with the approval of the district mine inspector, be located near such workings. No