

(r) "Shaft" means an opening, the axis of which is approximately vertical, extending downwards from the surface; and shall include an underground shaft driven between two levels.

(s) "Slope" includes an inclined opening in a dipping coal and/or fire clay bed and an inclined tunnel to a coal and/or fire clay bed.

(t) "Superintendent" means the person who shall, on behalf of the operator, have immediate supervision of one or more mines.

(u) "Tunnel" means a level or inclined passageway driven mainly through barren strata. It may or may not come to the surface.

(v) "Ventilating Current" means a current of air circulating throughout the mine excavations, of such purity that it shall contain not less than 19.5 per cent. of oxygen nor more than (0.75) three-quarters of one percent. carbon dioxide. The district mine inspector shall, whenever he has reason to suspect an excessive proportion of carbon dioxide or insufficient oxygen in the atmosphere of any mine, take such tests as the Bureau may prescribe, and upon disclosure of a ventilating current below or approaching minimum standard, require the operator by written safety order to improve the ventilation immediately.

(w) "Working Place" means a room, breast, entry cross-cut or pillar where coal and/or fire clay is being mined or extracted and where one or more miners per working shift of the mine are regularly employed until the place is finished or stopped.

34. (a) It shall be the duty of each inspector to see to the strict enforcement of all laws and regulations relating to mining; to investigate all violations thereof; to file complaints and to make affidavits against any violators before the proper courts or tribunals, and to see to the enforcement of all penalties prescribed for disobedience to such laws and regulations. Each of such inspectors shall exercise sound discretion in such enforcement; if in his judgment any matter, thing or practice in or connected with any mine is or may become dangerous or defective and thereby endanger the bodily safety of any person, such inspector may give written notice to the operator of such mine by way of special safety order, a copy of which shall also be sent to the Chief Mine Engineer; in which safety order shall be stated in detail the particulars wherein such matter, thing or practice is or may become dangerous or