

sons in the vicinity of the fire shall make a prompt effort to extinguish it. If, or when, a fire has attained such proportions that an individual cannot extinguish it, he shall report immediately the existence of the fire to a competent official of the mine, who shall order all workmen from that part of the mine affected by the fire, except those needed for fire fighting.

(d) If the fire gets out of control, men shall be withdrawn and the part of the mine in which the fire is located or the entire mine, as conditions may require, shall be sealed or flooded. All fire-fighting operations shall be under the direct supervision of the mine foreman or a designated assistant who shall consult with the State inspectors.

Underground storage places for oil and grease in excess of 2 days' supply shall be of fireproof construction.

Oil and grease, kept in face regions or other working places shall be in portable, closed, metal containers.

(e) Underground structures (transformer stations, battery-charging stations, motor generator stations, foremen's stations, substations, permanent pump rooms, etc.) shall be fireproof construction. Where the fireproofing material is in contact with timber or coal, it shall not be of metal.

(f) Rheostats, electric heaters, and resistors shall be located a safe distance from combustible materials.

(g) Where practicable, power wires underground shall be de-energized on idle days and idle shifts.

(h) Hay or straw shall be transported from the surface to underground stables in enclosed incombustible cars. It shall be stored in a fireproof structure apart from the stable or in a fireproof compartment within the stable.

(i) Procedures to be followed in event of a mine fire or explosion shall be established.

142A. Mine disasters. (a) When a disaster occurs in a mine, the proper State and Federal inspection authorities shall be notified promptly of such disaster. All facilities of the mine shall be made available for recovery operations.

(b) After a disaster, when the mine has been placed in condition to operate, an inspection of such mine in its entirety shall be made by State and Federal coal-mine inspectors, and if such inspection discloses any dangerous conditions, the mine shall not resume operations until the dangerous conditions are corrected.