

(4) ACCUMULATION OF METHANE.--BLASTING MAY NOT BE DONE AT ANY WORKING FACE OR OTHER PLACE WHERE METHANE HAS ACCUMULATED AND IS LIKELY TO ATTAIN AN EXPLOSIVE MIXTURE. THE WORKERS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM EACH WORKING FACE OR PLACE UNTIL THE CONDITION HAS BEEN CORRECTED.

(5) METHANE IN FACE REGION.--IF THE METHANE CONTENT OF AIR IN ANY FACE OPERATION EXCEEDS ONE PERCENT AT ANY POINT NOT LESS THAN 12 INCHES FROM THE ROOF, FACE, OR RIB, AS DETERMINED BY A PERMISSIBLE METHANE DETECTOR, A PERMISSIBLE FLAME SAFETY LAMP, OR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS, THE WORKERS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE AFFECTED AREA UNTIL THE CONDITION HAS BEEN CORRECTED BY IMPROVING THE VENTILATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 570 (a) through (e) inclusive, of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(G) CROSSCUTS AND STOPPINGS.--

(1) GENERALLY.--CROSSCUTS BETWEEN ENTRIES AND ROOMS SHALL BE MADE AT INTERVALS NOT EXCEEDING 105 FEET. HOWEVER, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO RECOVERY WORK IF THE WORKING FACE IS VENTILATED BY A PERCEPTIBLE MOVEMENT OF AIR WHICH CONTAINS NOT LESS THAN 19.5 PERCENT OXYGEN AND NOT MORE THAN 0.75 PERCENT CARBON DIOXIDE. CROSSCUTS BETWEEN ENTRIES SHALL BE CLOSED, EXCEPT THE LAST ONE IN A PAIR OR SET OF ENTRIES.

(2) CLOSING.--IF NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A MOVEMENT OF AIR TO THE FACE OF A ROOM IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE ROOM OF FLAMMABLE OR NOXIOUS GAS, CROSSCUTS BETWEEN ROOMS SHALL BE CLOSED, EXCEPT THE ONE NEAREST THE FACE.

(3) ABANDONED PLACES.--A CROSSCUT SHALL BE PROVIDED AT OR NEAR THE FACE OF EACH ENTRY OR ROOM BEFORE THE PLACE IS ABANDONED.

(4) ENTRIES BEYOND LAST CROSSCUT.--ENTRIES, ROOMS, OR CHUTES MAY NOT BE TURNED OFF AN ENTRY BEYOND THE LAST CROSSCUT. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO DRIVING PLACES TO MAKE A CONNECTION AT THE FIRST CROSSCUT OR SIMILAR PASSAGEWAY USED AS A MAIN AIRWAY IN CONNECTION WITH AN ENTRY. IT APPLIES TO EXTENDING PLACES BEYOND THE AIRWAY BEFORE THE MAIN INTAKE AND RETURN PASSAGEWAYS ARE CONNECTED.