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(K) EXAMINATION FOR GAS AND DANGEROUS CONDITIONS.--

(1) DETECTION LAMPS--IN GENERAL.--AT LEAST TWO PERMISSIBLE FLAME SAFETY LAMPS IN PROPER WORKING CONDITION SHALL BE KEPT AVAILABLE AT EACH MINE FOR USE BY AN AUTHORIZED PERSON. ONLY A PERMISSIBLE FLAME SAFETY LAMP, PERMISSIBLE METHANE DETECTOR, OR AIR SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS MAY BE USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF METHANE IN MINE AIR.

(2) IN GASSY MINE.--IN A GASSY MINE, ANY MINE OFFICIAL WHOSE REGULAR DUTY REQUIRES HIM TO INSPECT A WORKING PLACE SHALL POSSESS, WHEN UNDERGROUND, A PERMISSIBLE FLAME SAFETY LAMP IN SAFE WORKING CONDITION, FOR THE DETECTION OF METHANE AND OXYGEN DEFICIENCY.

(3) FIRE-BOSS EXAMINATION. - A FIRE-BOSS SHALL EXAMINE THE MINE BEFORE OTHER WORKERS ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER. HE SHALL BEGIN HIS EXAMINATION IN THE FIRST WORKING PLACE IN HIS ASSIGNED TERRITORY NOT MORE THAN FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE FIRST SHIFT ENTERS THE MINE. HOWEVER, ANY CERTIFIED OFFICIAL OR OTHER COMPETENT PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE MINE FOREMAN MAY MAKE THIS EXAMINATION IN MULTIPLE-SHIFT OPERATIONS WITHIN FOUR HOURS OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE NEXT OR SUCCEEDING SHIFT, BUT IN A MINE IN WHICH GAS HAS NOT BEEN FOUND, THE EXAMINATION NEED BE MADE ONLY BEFORE THE FIRST SHIFT ENTERS THE MINE.

(4) TESTING.--THE FIRE-BOSS SHALL VISIT EVERY LIVE WORKING PLACE IN THE MINE TO TEST WITH A PERMISSIBLE FLAME SAFETY LAMP FOR METHANE, NOXIOUS GAS, AND OXYGEN DEFICIENCY. HE SHALL EXAMINE SEALS AND DOORS, TEST AND INSPECT THE ROOF, FACE, AND RIB CONDITIONS ON ACTIVE ROADWAYS AND TRAVELWAYS, APPROACHES TO ABANDONED WORKINGS, AND EXAMINE ACCESSIBLE FALLS IN ANY ACTIVE SECTION FOR EXPLOSIVE GAS AND ANY OTHER HAZARD. HE SHALL ASSURE THAT THE AIR IS TRAVELING IN ITS REGULAR COURSE IN EACH SPLIT. THE FIRE-BOSS SHALL RECORD HIS INITIALS AND THE DATE AT OR NEAR THE FACE OF EACH PLACE EXAMINED.

(5) ERECTION OF DANGER SIGNS.--IF THE FIRE-BOSS OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL FINDS ANY DANGEROUS CONDITION, THE PLACE SHALL BE MARKED WITH A DANGER SIGN. NO ONE EXCEPT AN AUTHORIZED PERSON MAY CROSS THE DANGER SIGN AND THEN ONLY TO CORRECT THE DANGEROUS