

(A) WHEN MINING NEAR ABANDONED MINES.—IF ANY WORKING PLACE IS BEING DRIVEN TOWARDS, OR IS IN SUPPOSEDLY DANGEROUS PROXIMITY TO, AN ABANDONED MINE SUSPECTED OF CONTAINING EXPLOSIVE GAS OR WHICH MAY CONTAIN A DANGEROUS ACCUMULATION OF WATER, A BOREHOLE SHALL BE KEPT NOT LESS THAN 12 FEET IN ADVANCE OF THE FACE AND ON THE SIDES OF THE WORKING PLACE. THE SIDE HOLES SHALL BE DRIVEN DIAGONALLY AT INTERVALS NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT FEET. A WORKING PLACE DRIVEN TO TAP WATER OR GAS MAY NOT BE MORE THAN TEN FEET WIDE. ANY WATER OR GAS ACCUMULATION, OR BOREHOLE FROM THE SURFACE, MAY NOT BE TAPPED UNTIL EVERY WORKER, EXCEPT THOSE ENGAGED IN THIS WORK, ARE OUT OF THE MINE. THE WORK SHALL BE EXECUTED ONLY UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF THE MINE FOREMAN. COAL MAY NOT BE MINED WITHIN 50 FEET OF ANY ABANDONED MINE SUSPECTED TO BE INUNDATED WITH WATER, UNTIL THE DANGER FROM THE WATER HAS BEEN REMOVED BY DRIVING A PASSAGEWAY TO TAP AND DRAIN IT. FURTHER, ANY BARRIER PILLAR STANDING IN THE VICINITY OF THE ABANDONED MINE MUST BE IN PROPORTION OF ONE FOOT OF ADDITIONAL PILLAR THICKNESS TO EACH ONE AND ONE—QUARTER FEET OF WATERSHED, IF THE DISTRICT MINE INSPECTOR BELIEVES THE THICKNESS IS NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE OPERATING MINE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 612 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(B) IN ADVANCE OF SHOT HOLES DRILLED FOR BLASTING.—IF CLAY VEINS, SPARS, OR FAULTS ARE CUT IN DRIVING ENTRIES OR OTHER NARROW WORK INTO SOLID COAL, IN GASSY MINES, A BOREHOLE SHALL BE KEPT NOT LESS THAN THREE FEET IN ADVANCE OF THE FACE OR A LIKE DISTANCE IN ADVANCE OF ANY SHOT HOLE DRILLED FOR BLASTING.

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#### 7-446. SURFACE FIRE PREVENTION.

(A) STORING INFLAMMABLES.—OIL, GREASE, AND SIMILAR FLAMMABLE MATERIAL SHALL BE STORED IN CLOSED CONTAINERS, SEPARATE FROM OTHER MATERIAL SO AS NOT TO CREATE A FIRE HAZARD TO ANY NEARBY BUILDING OR MINE. A BUILDING OR ROOM IN WHICH OIL OR GREASE IS STORED SHALL BE OF FIRE-RESISTIVE MATERIAL AND WELL VENTILATED. OIL, GREASE, OR OTHER SIMILAR INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL MAY NOT BE STORED IN ANY FANHOUSE. A TIGHT