

FACES.--EXPLOSIVES AND DETONATORS KEPT NEAR THE WORKING FACE SHALL BE STORED IN SEPARATE CLOSED CONTAINERS OF SUBSTANTIAL NONCONDUCTIVE MATERIAL LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 15 FEET FROM A RAIL OR POWER LINE. IF KEPT IN A NICHE IN THE RIB, THE DISTANCE SHALL BE AT LEAST FIVE FEET IN A LOCATION OUT OF THE LINE OF BLAST WHERE THEY WILL NOT LIKELY BE SUBJECTED TO SHOCK.

(3) KEEPING IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS.--EXPLOSIVES AND DETONATORS SHALL BE KEPT IN THEIR CONTAINERS UNTIL REMOVED FOR USE AT THE WORKING FACES.

(4) TOOLS FOR OPENING CONTAINERS.--ONLY NON METALLIC TOOLS MAY BE USED TO OPEN CONTAINERS UNDERGROUND.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 624(a) through (d), inclusive, of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(L) BLASTING PRACTICES.--

(1) MANNER OF EXPLODING IN GENERAL.--IN EVERY MINE, PERMISSIBLE EXPLOSIVES OR PERMISSIBLE BLASTING DEVICES SHALL BE USED FOR THE BLASTING OPERATION EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED. THE USE OF PERMISSIBLE EXPLOSIVES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES:

RULE 1 --FIRED ONLY WITH ELECTRIC DETONATORS OF PROPER STRENGTH.

RULE 2 -- FIRED WITH PERMISSIBLE BLASTING UNITS UNLESS BLASTING IS DONE FROM THE SURFACE.

RULE 3 -- BOREHOLES IN COAL MAY NOT BE DRILLED BEYOND THE BACK OF THE CUT, NOR INTO THE SOLID RIB, ROOF, OR FLOOR. SHOOTING OFF THE SOLID IS PROHIBITED.

RULE 4 -- BOREHOLES SHALL BE CLEANED AND CHECKED TO SEE THAT THEY ARE PLACED PROPERLY AND ARE OF THE CORRECT DEPTH, IN RELATION TO THE CUT, BEFORE BEING CHARGED.