

The lands between the mud flats at Brooklyn and the Liberty Reservoir on either side of the Patapsco River, in Anne Arundel, Carroll, Howard, and Baltimore counties, within a distance of [one] 1 mile on either side from the medial line of the river, or either of its branches, having been purchased by the State, shall be held by the State as a State park under the protection and administration of the Department which shall exercise the same power of making rules and regulations and managing the land as any other State park. The territory acquired is subject to all the general laws passed by the legislature not inconsistent with this section.

7-101.

(t) "Methane" is a hydrocarbon gas (CH₄) frequently encountered in coal mines. When it is diffused through air in certain proportions of [5 1/2] 5.5 to [14 1/2] 14.5 percent, the mixture will explode in the presence of a flame or hot spark.

(gg) "Ventilating current" means a current of air circulating throughout the mine excavation, containing not less than 19.5 percent oxygen nor more than [three quarters of one] 0.75 percent carbon dioxide.

7-404.

(c) The operator shall provide a permanent station at or near the principal entrance of the mine, indicated plainly by legible signs, where the fireboss shall give information regarding the state of the mine to each worker before he goes on his shift. When the working portion of any mine is [one] 1 mile or more from the entrance to the mine or from the bottom of the shaft or slope, a station, with the approval of the district mine inspector, may be located near the workings. No one, except the mine foreman, fireboss, or someone expressly authorized in an emergency, may pass beyond the station until every part of the mine has been examined and reported safe. The fireboss may not permit any unauthorized person to enter into or remain in any portion of a mine through which a dangerous accumulation of gas is being passed into the ventilating current from any portion of the mine. He shall report any violation of this provision to the mine foreman. When the station of the fireboss is located at a distance within the mine convenient to portions being worked, the operator shall wall off any abandoned workings, whether finished or not, from the main intake and manway heading or passageway of the mine by a stopping of masonry or concrete, sufficiently heavy to keep explosive or noxious gas from entering the intake air at any point between the firebosses' station and the entrance to the mine.