

and entrances. The mine foreman also shall make an examination for every other dangerous condition and leave his initials and the date at the places examined. If a dangerous condition is found, it shall be corrected promptly. A record of any test and examination shall be kept.

(11) Obedience to Order to Leave Mine; Examinations and Records by Mine Inspector. No person ordered by the mine foreman to leave a mine because of ventilation difficulty may reenter until the mine foreman gives permission. If it is a gassy mine, the permission may not be given until the mine foreman or fire boss has examined it thoroughly and reported it safe. At each visit to a mine, the district mine inspector shall examine the records of ventilation and inspect every apparatus and every procedure for conducting, controlling, or supplying ventilation. He shall see that each requirement of this subtitle or rule or regulation relating to it, is enforced. He shall keep a detailed record of each inspection and every action taken.]

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(a) An accumulation of gas may not be removed from any part of a mine by brushing or using water. An operator, mine foreman, or fire boss knowingly may not permit this to be done. A worker may not remove the accumulation of gas in the manner prohibited by this subsection.

(b) The operator immediately shall notify the district mine inspector of any large body of explosive gas discovered in any mine, whether or not any explosion has occurred. He shall direct and see that immediate steps are taken to remove the gas, by properly directed air currents carrying adequate ventilation up to the face from which the gas exudes, or by other appropriate means. An open flame may not be permitted in the affected portion of the mine. Every precaution against an accident shall be taken.

(c) The mine foreman shall see that every mine generating explosive gas is kept free of standing gas in working places or roadways. An accumulation of explosive or noxious gas shall be removed from a worked out or abandoned portion of any mine as soon as possible after its discovery unless the gas is securely and safely sealed in accordance with the Bureau's rules and regulations. Until the gas has been removed, no person who may be endangered by its presence and who is not engaged in removing it may remain in the affected portion of the mine. The entrance to a worked out and abandoned part of a mine and every other dangerous place where gas may accumulate shall be fenced off properly with a danger signal posted on it.

(d) Any worker immediately shall notify the mine foreman if explosive or noxious gas is discovered. The worker shall see that no gas blower is left burning when he

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