

leaves his working place. If gas is ignited by a blast or otherwise, the employee immediately shall extinguish the fire. If he is unable to do so, he shall notify the mine foreman. A worker shall give notice of the discovery of explosive or noxious gas.

(e) If safety lamps are required to be used in any mine, a quantity one-fourth greater than that which is being used always shall be kept on hand, ready for use. A competent person shall be appointed to examine each lamp immediately before it is taken into the workings for use. This person shall ascertain that the lamp is clean, safe, and secure before it is used.

(f) A safety lamp may not be entrusted to any person for use in a mine, until he has given satisfactory evidence to the mine foreman that he understands the proper use of the lamp and danger of tampering with it.

(g) The mine foreman, if he believes the mine is becoming dangerous from an accumulation of gas, and that additional ventilation is required beyond the capacity of the ventilating equipment, shall notify the district mine inspector. The district mine inspector shall make an immediate personal examination. If he finds that the ventilating equipment is insufficient, he shall require by special safety order that the operator provide adequate equipment, and, if necessary, make an additional opening from the surface, or bore a hole to furnish a vent in the case of gas accumulation.]

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(a) Efficient means of communication and signalling between the top and bottom of every shaft and slope and to any other point shall be provided and maintained in a manner directed and approved by the Bureau.

(b) The Bureau shall prepare uniform forms for signal and warning devices, and indicating signs. The operator of each mine shall use these forms to notify each person concerned of any danger not readily apparent.

(c) The following signal code shall be followed in every mine when signals are used:

(1) One ring or whistle: Hoist; if in motion, stop;

(2) Two rings or whistles: Lower cage if signaled from top, send away empty cage;

(3) Three rings or whistles: Workers are coming up. When engineer replies by one ring, persons get on cage and ring once to hoist;

(4) Four rings or whistles: Hoist slowly; implying danger;

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