

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to the investigator in evaluating machines equipped with powered dust collectors.

2.0 SCOPE

This Policy (POL) encompasses all mining machines submitted to MSHA for evaluation under 30 CFR, Part 18.

3.0 REFERENCES

30 CFR, Section 18.21 and 30 CFR, Part 33

4.0 DEFINITIONS

N/A.

5.0 POLICY

- 5.1. In accordance with 30 CFR, Section 18.21, powered dust collectors on machines that are submitted for approval must meet the applicable requirements of 30 CFR, Part 33 and must bear the approval number assigned by MSHA.
- 5.2. The installation of an approved powered dust collector is not required for approval of the machine, since enforcement allows the use of other devices to control dust from drilling rock.
- 5.3. Applications for approval or extension of approval of roof drills (e.g. roof bolters, continuous miners with integrated drills, etc.) must specify the device used to control dust from drilling rock. If a powered dust collector is used, the approval number of the dust collector must be specified in the approval documentation.