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SUBJECT: Expiration Dates for Program Directives and Directives Cancellations

Scope

This Program Information Bulletin (PIB) is for all MSHA Program directives holders within MSHA, mine operators, independent contractors, miners' representatives, and other interested parties.

Purpose

The purpose of this PIB is to rescind PIB P14-04, dated June 5, 2014, and to re-establish MSHA procedure of assigning expiration dates to Program Policy Letters (PPLs) and Procedure Instruction Letters (PILs). This PIB also transmits cancellation of directives.

Information

PIB P14-04, dated June 5, 2014, removed expiration dates for all PPLs and PILs in effect at the time and published since.

This PIB restores a policy that assigns expiration dates for PPLs and PILs. All PPLs and PILs in effect as of the issue date of this PIB will expire on March 31, 2021, regardless of their publication date. PPLs and PILs issued after the publication of this PIB will expire on March 31 of the second year following the effective date. PPLs and PILs are also revalidated each year prior to March 31. PIBs, while not assigned expiration dates, are reviewed and remain in effect as long as they are relevant.

Ninety (90) days prior to the expiration, the responsible program office will initiate review of the PPLs and PILs to determine if the guidance should be reissued without change, renewed with revisions, incorporated in the Program Policy Manual (PPM) or procedural handbook (handbook), or cancelled.

MSHA reviewed all existing PPLs, PILs and PIBs to determine whether these directives were still valid. This PIB identifies the PPLs that have been incorporated into the PPM, as well as the PPLs, PILs and PIBs that have been cancelled. MSHA's actions are listed

in the attachment. PPLs incorporated into the PPM will be cancelled upon publication of the revised PPM. The remaining PPLs, PILs, and PIBs listed in the attached will be cancelled upon publication of this PIB.

Background

Volume II, Chapter 100 of MSHA's Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual outlines MSHA Directives System and defines the purpose, responsibilities, structure, and procedures involved in the formulation, distribution, and maintenance of directives within the Agency. The Directives System also describes the procedures for assigning expiration dates to PPLs and PILs, which are reiterated in the Information paragraph above, as well as the procedures used to periodically review and update directives.

Authority

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 [30 U.S.C. 801 et seq.] as amended by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 ("MINER Act") [Pub. L. 109-236].

Internet Availability

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Attachment

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Results of PPLs, PILs and PIBs review.

PROGRAM POLICY LETTERS INCORPORATED INTO PPM

Number	Subject	Date Issued
P11-V-10	Approval Plate for Caterpillar Model 3306 PCNA Diesel Engine	4/1/2011
P11-V-14	Water Sprinkler Fire Protection of Underground Belt Conveyors and Belt Takeup Storage Units	5/6/2011
P11-V-15	Interpretation of 30 C.F.R. § 75.1100-1 and 2 Regarding Water Delivery Capability of Coal Mine Waterlines when Fighting a Fire with a Firehose and Nozzle	6/20/2011
P11-V-16	Suitability, Safety and Performance of Circuit Breakers	6/20/2011
P12-V-02	Examination, Testing, and Maintenance of Conveyor Belt Emergency Stop Devices under 30 C.F.R. § 77.502	4/19/2012
P12-V-03	Reporting of Unplanned Roof Falls in Accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 50.10	5/11/2012
P12-V-05	Reissue of P10-V-6 - Bleeder System Examinations	5/11/2012
P12-V-06	Longwall Lighting Cables	5/11/2012
P12-V-07	Circuit Identification under 30 C.F.R. §§ 75.903 and 75.904	5/22/2012
P13-V-02	Reissue of P11-V-05 - Employment Agency Contracting and Part 50 Reporting	3/13/2013
P13-V-03	Maintenance of Cutting Bits on Continuous Mining Machines and Longwall Shearers under 30 C.F.R. § 75.1725(a)	5/29/2013
P13-V-04	Reissue of P11-V-1; Clarification on Repairs or Maintenance of Machinery, 30 C.F.R. § 75.1725(c)	6/20/2013
P13-V-05	Application of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 75.523-2 to Mobile Bridge Carriers Connected to Continuous Miners That Form Component Part of Self-Propelled Electric Face Equipment	6/20/2013
P13-V-06	Reissue of P11-V-8; Tests for Methane at the Working Face, Using Extendable Probes or Other Acceptable Means	6/20/2013
P13-III-01	Reissue of P11-III-1 - Part 41 Legal Identification Numbers for Auger and Highwall Miner Operators and Providing MSHA Notification of the Relocation of These Portable Mining Operations	6/24/2013
P13-V-07	Reissue of P11-V-04 - Remote Restarting of Conveyor Belts when a Slip Switch Stops the Belt	6/24/2013
P13-V-08	Reissue of P11-V-03 - Electric Equipment; Examination, Testing and Maintenance	6/24/2013
P13-IV-01	OSHA's Revised Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) (29 C.F.R. §1910.1200) as Compliance with MSHA's Existing Hazard Communication (HazCom) Standard (30 C.F.R. Part 47)	8/13/2013
P13-V-10	Permits for Mining Under Bodies of Water	12/11/2013
P13-V-11	Program for Regular Cleanup and Removal of Accumulations of Coal and Float Coal Dust, Loose Coal, and Other Combustibles	12/18/2013

P13-V-12	Examination, Evaluation, and Effectiveness of Bleeder Systems	12/30/2013
P14-IV-02	Reissue of P12-IV-01 Safety Belts and Lines (30 C.F.R. §§ 56/57.15005)	3/25/2014
P14-V-02	Technical Citations for Safeguards	9/24/2014
P17-IV-01	Suspended Loads (30 C.F.R. §§ 56/57.16009)	2/6/2017

PROGRAM POLICY LETTERS - CANCELLED

P15-V-01	Proximity Detection System Compliance Dates	4/16/2015
P15-IV-01	Examination of working places (30 CFR §§ 56/57.18002)	7/22/2015

PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION LETTERS - CANCELLED

I11-V-11	Part 100 Safety and Health Conference Procedures	12/20/2011
I13-V-01	Reissue of I11-V-7 - Mine Safety Appliances Life-Saver 60 Self-Contained Self-Rescuer	5/08/2013
I13-V-02	Corrective Measures for Inspection and Investigation Activities Related to Roof Control Plans	12/24/2013

PROGRAM INFORMATION BULLETINS - CANCELLED

P07-10	Notification of withdrawal of MSHA and NIOSH approval for Mine Safety Appliances (MSA) Flow-Lite Sampling Pumps	4/24/2007
P09-01	Potential Safety Hazard on J. H. Fletcher & Co. Roof Bolting Machines with Independent Left and Right Tram Levers	1/06/2009
P10-22	Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Reviews of Post-Accident Communication and Electronic Tracking Systems	12/14/2010
P14-04	MSHA Program Directives Revalidation	6/11/2014
P11-23	Reissue of P07-20 - Change to Respirable Dust Data Card - Addition of Pre-Weight Date	4/06/2011
P12-01	MSHA Intrinsic Safety Evaluation Number IA-13827-0 and Information Related to KH Controls Inc. Power Supply Models ISS1 and ISS3	1/06/2012
P13-02	Temporary Suspension of MSHA Approval of the 50 psi MINOVA Gob Isolation Tekseal Design	3/18/2013
P13-04	Reissue of P09-39 - How to Change Your Address with MSHA or Request Certain Publications	6/04/2013
P13-05	Realignment of District Mine Inspection Boundaries	12/23/2013