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SUBJECT: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Program Directives
Revalidation for Calendar Year (CY) 2025

Scope

This Program Information Bulletin (PIB) is intended for all holders of MSHA program directives throughout the Agency.

Purpose

The purpose of this PIB is to present the results of the annual revalidation of program directives for CY 2025.

Information

MSHA's revalidation process requires that all directives be reviewed annually or biennially to ensure their content remains current. This PIB presents the results of the CY 2025 revalidation of MSHA's program directives. Attachment 1 lists the program directives — Program Policy Manual (PPM) volumes, Program Policy Letters (PPLs), Procedure Handbooks (PHs), Procedure Instruction Letters (PILs), and PIBs — that remain valid and in effect; these will continue to be posted on MSHA's public website. Attachment 2 lists a PH that has been cancelled as a result of the revalidation process. Accordingly, this directive is no longer considered valid guidance and will be removed from MSHA's public website upon issuance of this bulletin.

Background

Volume II, Chapter 100 of MSHA's Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual outlines the MSHA Directives System and defines the purpose, responsibilities, structure, and procedures involved in the formulation, distribution, and maintenance of directives within the Agency.

The MSHA Directives System includes a revalidation process in which all directives are reviewed periodically to ensure the currency of their text. During revalidation, reviewers and policy coordinators (e.g., Management Officers) determine whether each directive remains valid, has been superseded by another issuance, or requires updates to reflect changes in technology, regulations, organizational structure, or policy.

The Directives team in the Office of Program Policy and Evaluation within the Directorate of Program Evaluation and Information Resources conducted and

coordinated this year's directive revalidation with reviewers and policy coordinators from MSHA program areas. Program directives that were issued after March 31, 2025, or removed from the website after that date due to being superseded were not included in this year's revalidation.

Authority

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. 801, as amended by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response (MINER) Act of 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-236.

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Attachment

Attachment 1 – Directives: Remaining in Effect

Program Policy Manual

Number	Title	Published (Last Revised)
Volume I	Enforcement of the 1977 Act	6/12/2014
Volume II	Testing and Evaluation	3/19/2008
Volume III	30 CFR Parts 40 Through 50 and Parts 62 and 100	4/26/2024
Volume IV	Metal and Nonmetal Mines	11/4/2011
Volume V	Coal Mines	7/6/2015

Program Policy Letters

Number	Title	Published
P19-V-01	Implementation of Section 2 of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006	4/8/2019
P17-IV-01	Suspended Loads (30 C.F.R. §§ 56/57.16009)	2/6/2017
P14-V-02	Technical Citations for Safeguards	9/24/2014
P14-V-01	Revised Guidance for Compliance with Post-Accident Two-Way Communication and Electronic Tracking Requirements of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (MINER Act)	3/27/2014
P14-IV-02	Reissue of P12-IV-01 Safety Belts and Lines (30 C.F.R. §§ 56/57.15005)	3/25/2014
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

Number	Title	Published
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)	3/13/2013
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-V-07	Reissue of P11-V-04 - Remote Restarting of Conveyor Belts when a Slip Switch Stops the Belt	6/24/2013

Number	Title	Published
P13-V-09	Re-Issue of P11-V-07 - Two-Way Communication and Electronic Tracking System: Potential Interference of RF Electromagnetic Fields with Electric Blasting Circuits	7/12/2013
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
P12-V-01	Reissue of P09-V-08 - Procedures for Revoking MSHA Certifications to Take Respirable Dust Samples or to Maintain and Calibrate Approved Dust Sampling Devices	3/8/2012
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-04	Reissue of P10-V-02 - Requirements of 30 C.F.R. § 75.313 and Two-Way Communication and Electronic Tracking Systems Operation after an Underground Coal Mine Accident	5/11/2012
P12-V-05	Reissue of P10-V-6 - Bleeder System Examinations	5/11/2012

Number	Title	Published
P12-V-07	Circuit Identification under 30 C.F.R. § 75.903 and 75.904	5/22/2012
P11-V-10	Approval Plate for Caterpillar Model 3306 PCNA Diesel Engine	4/1/2011
P11-V-11	Approval of Communication and Tracking Devices Required by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (MINER Act)	4/14/2011
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

Procedure Handbooks

Number	Title	Published
PH25-I-1	Citation and Order Writing Handbook	January 2025
PH21-V-6	Dam Inspection and Plan Review Handbook	January 2021
PH20-V-1	Mine Ventilation Plan Review Procedures	November 2020
PH20-V-2	Roof Control Plan and Ground Support Review Procedures	December 2020
PH20-V-3	Carbon Monoxide Sensors and Atmospheric Monitoring Systems Inspection Procedures	December 2020

Number	Title	Published
PH20-V-4	Health Inspection Procedures Handbook	December 2020
PH20-V-5	Electrical Inspection Procedures Handbook	December 2020
PH20-I-1	Roadways and Dumping Locations Inspection Handbook	November 2020
PH20-I-2	Hazardous Condition Complaint Procedures Handbook	December 2020
PH20-I-4	Accident Investigation Procedures Handbook	December 2020
PH20-I-5	Special Investigations Procedures Handbook	December 2020
PH19-IV/V-1	General Inspection Procedures Handbook	December 2019
PH08-I-2	Petitions for Modification	July 2008

Procedure Instruction Letters

Number	Title	Published
I19-V-01	Procedure for Permitting the Use of Belt Air to Ventilate Working Sections of Underground Coal Mines	2/8/2019
I16-V-01	Reissue of I12-V-03 and I12-IV-04 - Use of Digital Cameras and the Storage and Preservation of Digital Images	4/27/2016
I12-V-11	Reissue of I10-V-09 - Procedures for Evaluation of Requests to Make Extended Cuts With Remote Controlled Continuous Mining Machines	4/30/2012
I12-V-19	District Field Change Requests for Adding Proximity Detection Systems	7/26/2012

Number	Title	Published
I11-III-02	Compliance Procedures for the Hazard Communication Standard	6/20/2011

Program Information Bulletins

Number	Title	Published
P16-01	Corrective Action Programs	2/16/2016
P16-02	Reissue of P10-02 Examination of Electrical Underground Coal Mine Equipment	4/13/2016
P14-01	Reissue of P12-08 - Global Positioning System (GPS) and Established Surface Stations or Markers	2/21/2014
P14-02	Reissue of P08-12 - Technologically Achievable, Administratively Achievable, and Promising Noise Controls (30 CFR Part 62)	3/7/2014
P14-05	Additional Filing Options for Representative of Miners	6/19/2014
P12-02	New Notification Alternatives to Comply with 30 C.F.R. §§ 56/57.1000	2/7/2012
P12-03	Escape Capsules in Underground Coal Mines	3/21/2012
P12-04	Reissue of P07-06 - Guy Wires of Poles Supporting High-Voltage Electric Power Lines	3/21/2012
P12-05	Reissue of P07-21 - Clarification of Requirements of Conveyor Start-Up Warnings for 30 CFR §§ 56.14201 and 57.14201	3/21/2012

Number	Title	Published
P12-06	Reissue of P07-19 - Hazards of Sliding Table Masonry Saws	3/23/2012
P12-07	Neutral Start Methods on Mobile Electrical Equipment	4/3/2012
P11-02	Re-Issue of P09-02 - Filing of Ground Control Plans for Surface Coal Mines	2/25/2011
P11-03	Re-Issue P09-23 - Underground Scoop Accidents	3/2/2011
P11-04	Re-Issue of P09-19 - Tree Cutting on Mine Property	3/16/2011
P11-05	Reissue of P06-10 - Hazards When Transporting Off-Track Equipment	3/16/2011
P11-07	Re-Issue of P09-30 - Short Circuit Protection For Trailing Cables Longer Than 500 Feet	3/18/2011
P11-08	Reissue of P07-22 - Operation of Continuous Haulage Systems	3/18/2011
P11-09	Reissue of P06-05 - Requirements of Testing High-Voltage Gloves	3/16/2011
P11-10	Reissue of P04-15 - Transmission of Respirable Dust Samples by Mine Operators and Correction of Dust Data Card Information	3/23/2011
P11-11	Reissue of P07-31 - Use of Fall Protection In, Around, or Over Any Shaft and Conveyance Safety Measures	3/23/2011
P11-12	Reissue of P07-26 - Charging of Lithium Ion or Lithium Polymer Batteries	3/23/2011

Number	Title	Published
P11-14	Reissue of P08-03 - Use of Stabilizers (Outriggers) on Chassis-Mounted Drills and Cranes	3/23/2011
P11-15	Reissue of P09-32 - Safe Design or Retrofit for Safely Resetting the Main Disconnect on Battery-Powered Scoops in Underground Mines	3/23/2011
P11-16	Reissue of P02-05 - Crushing Hazard on Mobile Bridge Conveyor (MBC)	3/30/2011
P11-17	Reissue of P09-41 - Voluntary Program to Evaluate New or Novel Fire Suppression Agents and Devices Used for Manual Fire Fighting Purposes	3/30/2011
P11-18	Reissue of P07-05 - The Danger of Oxygen Deficiency in Underground Coal Mines	4/1/2011
P11-22	Reissue of P08-15 - Fire Suppression Systems Used to Protect Battery Charging Stations and Other Unattended Electrically Powered Equipment in Underground Coal Mines	4/1/2011
P11-25	Reissue of P04-17 - Potential Fire Hazard of Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) Collected on High Temperature Disposable Diesel Particulate Filters (HTDPF)	4/13/2011

Number	Title	Published
P11-27	Reissue of P05-01 - Final Effective Date for Underground Coal Diesel Particulate Standard and Availability of Report on Issues Related to High Temperature Diesel Particulate Filters (HTDPFs) Including Laboratory Results on Kindling Temperatures	6/20/2011
P11-32	Re-Issue of P09-15 - Potential Safety Hazard Related to Explosion of Pumps	4/28/2011
P11-34	Responsibility for Proper Assembly and Maintenance of MSHA Approved and Certified Mining Machines and Equipment	5/6/2011
P11-35	Re-Issue P08-02 -- Reporting Deaths on Mine Property	5/9/2011
P11-36	Suitable Hard Hats	5/10/2011
P11-38	Re-Issue of P02-04 - Potential Health Hazard Caused by Platinum-Based Catalyzed Diesel Particulate Matter Exhaust Filters	5/16/2011
P11-41	Re-Issue of P09-11 - Application of 30 C.F.R. §§ 77.405(b), 56.14211, 57.14211, 56.14105, and 57.14105 to Dragline Masts	5/20/2011
P11-42	Run-through Check Curtains	5/20/2011

Number	Title	Published
P11-43	Reissue of P05-20 - Evaluation of Diesel Particulate Matter After-Treatment Devices on Non-Permissible, Heavy-Duty, Diesel-Powered Equipment, Compressors and Generators	6/20/2011
P11-47	Compressed Gas System Leakage	6/22/2011
P11-49	Reissue of P08-16 - Clarification of Procedures to Use When Reporting Self-Contained Self-Rescuer (SCSR) Inventories	9/8/2011
P11-50	Rock Dust Composition, 30 C.F.R. § 75.2	10/27/2011
P11-52	Potential Shock and Ignition Hazard Involving Permissible and Non-permissible Battery-Powered Machines	11/28/2011
P10-01	MSA Topgard Protective Cap with Lamp Bracket & Cord Holder and MSA V-Gard Protective Cap	1/20/2010
P10-04	Safe Access, Fall Prevention and Fall Protection involving Self-Propelled Mobile Equipment	6/16/2010
P10-06	Low-Weight Gain Respirable Dust Samples Submitted by Mine Operators	6/18/2010
P10-08	Use of Fall Protection at River Loading Facilities	7/8/2010
P10-09	Safety Precautions for Operating Rubber Tired and Track-Mounted Excavators	7/13/2010
P10-10	Inadequate Ventilation	8/16/2010
P10-11	Maintaining Face Ventilation Control Devices	8/16/2010

Number	Title	Published
P10-12	Maintaining Methane Monitors in Permissible and Proper Operating Condition for Mining Equipment	8/16/2010
P10-13	30 C.F.R. § 75.324, Intentional Changes In The Ventilation System	8/16/2010
P10-14	Clarification of MSHA Policy and Regulations Related to SCSRs	8/26/2010
P10-15	Prohibition of Advance Notice of 103(a) Inspections	8/26/2010
P10-16	Hazardous Condition Complaints and Right to Request Inspections	9/2/2010
P10-17	Miners' Protections against Discrimination for Exercising Statutory Rights and Procedures to Protect those Rights	9/2/2010
P10-20	Re-Issue of P-03-13 - Trailing Cable Overheating On Equipment Cable Reels	10/25/2010
P09-08	Methane Ignitions at Surface Highwall Auger Operations	5/22/2009
P09-09	Re-Issue P07-04 - Clarification of Requirements of Title 30 Code of Federal Regulations §57.11050 Escapeways and refuges	6/4/2009
P09-10	Re-Issue of P00-11 - Nondestructive Testing of Wire Rope - Electromagnetic Testing	6/5/2009
P09-13	Re-Issue P04-06 - Hazards Associated with Surface Mines Intersecting Abandoned or Underground Workings	7/17/2009

Number	Title	Published
P09-14	Re-Issue P06-01 - Compliance with the Testing and Maintenance Requirements of 30 C.F.R. 75.1911(i), Fire Suppression Systems for Diesel-Powered Equipment and Fuel Transportation Units	7/17/2009
P09-33	Effects of PVC Cement Vapors on Handheld Gas Detectors	9/24/2009
P09-36	Re-Issue of P05-05 - Use of Magnets near Remote Control Operated Equipment	10/1/2009
P09-42	Audits on Permissible Underground Mining Equipment	10/29/2009
P08-19	Re-Issue of P01-4 - Hoist Examination and Safety Test Requirements	8/27/2008
P08-20	Surface Drilled Coalbed Methane Wells with Horizontal Branches in the Coal Seam	8/27/2008
P06-13	Common Air Courses and Examinations	6/16/2006
P04-13	Superseding of Program Information Bulletins P99-24 and P02-9 Regarding MSHA Approved Cable Splice Kits	4/28/2004

Attachment 2 – Directives: Cancelled

Procedure Handbooks

Number	Title	Published
PH20-I-3	Citation and Order Writing Handbook	December 2020