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Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines



EXAMINATION OF WORKING PLACES IN METAL AND NONMETAL MINES

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Topic	Requirements
Who conducts the working place examination	Competent persons designated by the mine operator
When to conduct working place examination for conditions that may adversely affect safety or health	At least once each shift before miners begin work in the working place
Notification to miners	Promptly notify miners in any affected areas of any conditions found that may adversely affect safety or health that are not corrected before miners are potentially exposed
Corrective action for adverse conditions	Promptly initiate appropriate action to correct such conditions
Conditions that present an imminent danger	Notify operator immediately and withdraw all persons in affected areas until danger is abated
When to make examination record	Before the end of the shift
Contents of the examination record	Name of person conducting examination; date; locations of areas examined; description of each adverse condition found; date of corrective action for each adverse condition
Record retention	1 year
Record availability	Available for inspection by MSHA and miners' representatives; provide a copy upon request