

tailgate side of the longwall section, the roof control plan should address—

- (i) Notification of miners that the travelway is blocked;
- (ii) Re-instruction of miners regarding escapeways and escape procedures in the event of an emergency;
- (iii) Re-instruction of miners on the availability and use of self-contained self-rescue devices;
- (iv) Monitoring and evaluation of the air entering the longwall section;
- (v) Location and effectiveness of the two-way communication systems; and
- (vi) A means of transportation from the section to the main line.

(3) The plan provisions addressed by paragraph (g)(2) of this section should remain in effect until a travelway is re-established on the tailgate side of a longwall section.

**§ 75.223 Evaluation and revision of roof control plan.**

(a) Revisions of the roof control plan shall be proposed by the operator—

- (1) When conditions indicate that the plan is not suitable for controlling the roof, face, ribs, or coal or rock bursts; or
- (2) When accident and injury experience at the mine indicates the plan is inadequate. The accident and injury experience at each mine shall be reviewed at least every six months.
- (b) Each unplanned roof fall and rib fall and coal or rock burst that occurs in the active workings shall be plotted on a mine map if it—
  - (1) Is above the anchorage zone where roof bolts are used;
  - (2) Impairs ventilation;
  - (3) Impedes passage of persons;
  - (4) Causes miners to be withdrawn from the area affected; or
  - (5) Disrupts regular mining activities for more than one hour.
- (c) The mine map on which roof falls are plotted shall be available at the mine site for inspection by authorized representatives of the Secretary and representatives of miners at the mine.
- (d) The roof control plan for each mine shall be reviewed every six months by an authorized representative of the Secretary. This review shall take into consideration any falls of the

roof, face and ribs and the adequacy of the support systems used at the time.

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**Subpart D—Ventilation**

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**§ 75.300 Scope.**

This subpart sets requirements for underground coal mine ventilation.

**§ 75.301 Definitions.**

In addition to the applicable definitions in §75.2, the following definitions apply in this subpart.

*Air course.* An entry or a set of entries separated from other entries by stoppings, overcasts, other ventilation control devices, or by solid blocks of coal or rock so that any mixing of air currents between each is limited to leakage.

*Incombustible.* Incapable of being burned.

*Intake air.* Air that has not yet ventilated the last working place on any split of any working section, or any worked-out area, whether pillared or nonpillared.

*Intrinsically safe.* Incapable of releasing enough electrical or thermal energy under normal or abnormal conditions to cause ignition of a flammable mixture of methane or natural gas and air of the most easily ignitable composition.

*Noncombustible structure or area.* Describes a structure or area that will continue to provide protection against flame spread for at least 1 hour when subjected to a fire test incorporating an ASTM E119-88 time/temperature heat input, or equivalent. The publication ASTM E119-88, "Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials" is incorporated by reference and may be inspected at any Coal Mine Health and Safety District and Subdistrict Office, or at MSHA's Office of Standards, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939, and at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC. In addition, copies of the document

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can be purchased from the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM), 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

*Noncombustible material.* Describes a material which when used to construct a ventilation control results in a control that will continue to serve its intended function for 1 hour when subjected to a fire test incorporating an ASTM E119-88 time/temperature heat input, or equivalent. The publication ASTM E119-88, "Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials" is incorporated by reference and may be inspected at any Coal Mine Health and Safety District and Subdistrict Office, or at MSHA's Office of Standards, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939, and at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC. In addition, copies of the document can be purchased from the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM), 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

*Return air.* Air that has ventilated the last working place on any split of any working section or any worked-out area whether pillared or nonpillared. If air mixes with air that has ventilated the last working place on any split of any working section or any worked-out area, whether pillared or nonpillared, it is considered return air. For the purposes of § 75.507-1, air that has been used to ventilate any working place in a coal producing section or pillared area, or air that has been used to ventilate any working face if such air is directed away from the immediate return is return air. Notwithstanding the definition of intake air, for the purpose of ventilation of structures, areas or installations that are required by this subpart D to be ventilated to return air courses, and for ventilation of seals, other air courses may be designated as return air courses by the operator only when the air in these air courses will not be used to ventilate working places

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or other locations, structures, installations or areas required to be ventilated with intake air.

*Worked-out area.* An area where mining has been completed, whether pillared or nonpillared, excluding developing entries, return air courses, and intake air courses.

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### § 75.302 Main mine fans.

Each coal mine shall be ventilated by one or more main mine fans. Booster fans shall not be installed underground to assist main mine fans except in anthracite mines. In anthracite mines, booster fans installed in the main air current or a split of the main air current may be used provided their use is approved in the ventilation plan.

### § 75.310 Installation of main mine fans.

- (a) Each main mine fan shall be—
- (1) Installed on the surface in an incombustible housing;
  - (2) Connected to the mine opening with incombustible air ducts;
  - (3) Equipped with an automatic device that gives a signal at the mine when the fan either slows or stops. A responsible person designated by the operator shall always be at a surface location at the mine where the signal can be seen or heard while anyone is underground. This person shall be provided with two-way communication with the working sections and work stations where persons are routinely assigned to work for the majority of a shift;
  - (4) Equipped with a pressure recording device or system. Mines permitted to shut down main mine fans under § 75.311 and which do not have a pressure recording device installed on main mine fans shall have until June 10, 1997 to install a pressure recording device or system on all main mine fans. If a device or system other than a circular pressure recorder is used to monitor main mine fan pressure, the monitoring device or system shall provide a continuous graph or continuous chart of the pressure as a function of time. At not more than 7-day intervals, a hard copy of the continuous graph or chart shall be generated or the record