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Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines



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EXAMINATIONS OF WORKING PLACES IN METAL AND NONMETAL MINES

	Existing Standards	Final Standards
Who conducts the working place exam	Competent persons designated by the mine operator	NO CHANGE
When to conduct working place exam for conditions that may adversely affect safety or health	At least once each shift	At least once each shift before work begins or as miners begin work in working place
Notification to miners	NOT REQUIRED	Promptly notify miners in affected areas of conditions that may adversely affect their safety or health
Corrective action for adverse conditions	Promptly initiate appropriate action to correct such conditions	NO CHANGE
Conditions that represent an imminent danger	Notify operator immediately and withdraw all persons in affected areas until danger abated	NO CHANGE
When to make exam record	No time specified	Before the end of the shift
Contents of the exam record	Record that exam was made	Name of person conducting exam; date; locations of areas examined; description of each adverse condition that is not corrected promptly; date of corrective action for each adverse condition that is not corrected promptly
Record retention	1 year	NO CHANGE
Record availability	Available for review by MSHA	Available for inspection by MSHA and miners' representatives; provide a copy upon request