

West Virginia Office of Miners'
Health, Safety, and Training

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ACCIDENT PREVENTION WITH ACCURATE WELL LOCATIONS



500-ft Notice

A. MINING WITHIN 500 FEET OF AN OIL AND GAS WELL.

The mine operator should submit three copies of Form OG-44 (Notice by Coal Operator of Intention to Extend Workings Within 500 Feet of a Well) to the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training and forward one copy to the oil and gas operator by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Upon receipt, the agency will return to the mine operator a permit to allow mining as projected within the 500 foot radius. (See WV code 22A-2-75(a))

Mining must be conducted in accordance with the map projections approved by the agency. Revisions may be made by simply filing a revised map prior to conducting mining.

WV Code 22A-2-75(a)

(a) Before a coal operator conducts underground mining operations within five hundred feet of any well, including the driving of an entry or passageway, or the removal of coal or other material, the coal operator shall file with the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training and forward to the well operator by certified mail, return receipt requested, its mining maps and plans (which it is required to prepare, file and update to and with the regulatory authority) for the area within five hundred feet of the well, together with a notice, on a form furnished by the director, informing them that the mining maps and plans are being filed or mailed pursuant to the requirements of this section.

Once these mining maps and plans are filed with the office, the coal operator may proceed with its underground mining operations in the manner and as projected on such plans or maps, but shall not remove, without the consent of the director, any coal or other material or cut any passageway nearer than two hundred feet of any completed well or well that is being drilled. The coal operator shall, at least every six months while mining within the five hundred foot area, update its mining maps and plans and file the same with the director and the well operator.

B. MINING WITHIN 200 FEET OF AN OIL AND GAS WELL. (SEE WV CODE 22A-2-75(b))

The mine operator should submit three copies of Form OG-45 (Coal Operator's Petition to Operate Within 200 Feet or to Mine Through a Well) to the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training and forward one copy to the well operator by certified mail, return receipt requested. The agency will hold the permit application for ten

200-ft Notice



days in anticipation of any potential request for hearing from the well operator. Should no request for hearing be made or if the well operator files a letter stating no objection to the proposed mining operations, the permit will then be issued. The application must note exactly how close the mining will take place in the vicinity of the well.

The agency has established general guidelines for safe mining around wells. They are as follows:

1. **Active Wells: Maximum = 100' radius; Minimum = 50' radius**
Tangent 8 degrees x overburden = distance to nearest mining.
2. **Abandoned wells: Maximum = 100' radius.**
Tangent 4 degrees x overburden + 10' = distance to nearest mining.
3. **Well plugged to mine through: Maximum = 100' radius. No Spacing requirements. Refer to WV Code 22-6-24(d)(3).**
4. **Barrier pillar dimensions shall be determined in accordance with attachment.**

Mining within the 200 foot radius must be done strictly in accordance with the map approved by the agency.

Revisions to permits for any changes between 150 and 200 feet of the well will require that a new map be filed showing the changes along with a copy of the original permit.

Revisions to permits within 150 feet of the well which are minor and do not affect the barrier pillar require that a new permit be filed and issued. A letter explaining the changes along with a copy of the original permit should also be submitted. The permits will require little technical review and will be issued without delay.

WV Code 22A-2-75(b)

(b) Application may be made at any time to the director by a coal operator for leave to conduct underground mining operations within two hundred feet of any well or to mine through any well, by petition, duly verified, showing the location of the well, the workings adjacent to the well and the mining operations contemplated within two hundred feet of the well or through such well, and praying the approval of the same by the director and naming the well operator as a respondent. The coal

Active

Abandoned

Plugged

Max. $\tan 8^\circ$ * Depth

Max. $\tan 4^\circ$ * Depth

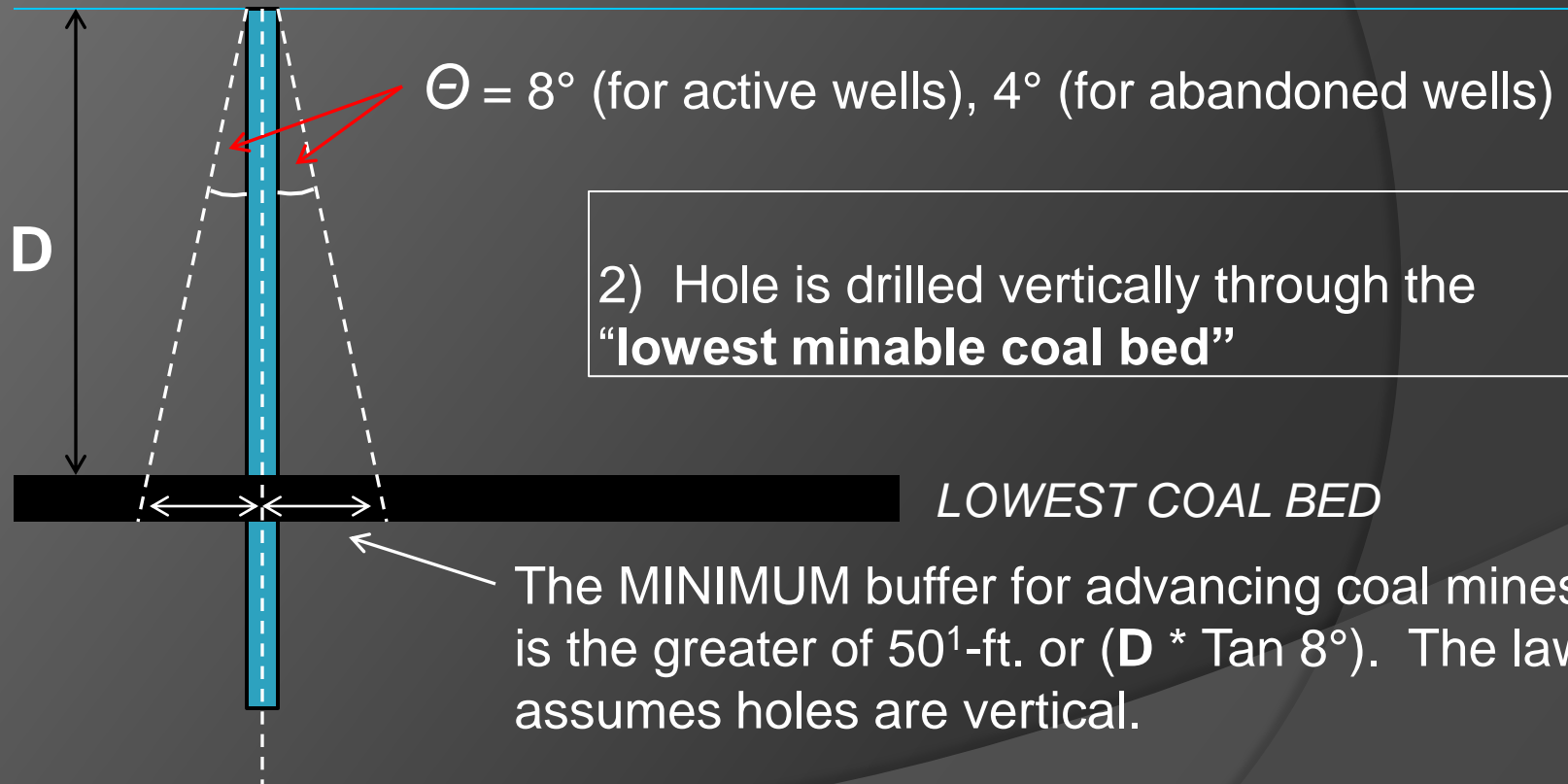
To mine through

If well has not been plugged to MSHA standards it cannot be mined through.

Minimum Standards



1) As-built surface location of well-head is within 10-ft of permitted location



$\Theta = 8^\circ$ (for active wells), 4° (for abandoned wells)

2) Hole is drilled vertically through the “**lowest minable coal bed**”

LOWEST COAL BED

The MINIMUM buffer for advancing coal mines is the greater of 50¹-ft. or ($D * \tan 8^\circ$). The law assumes holes are vertical.

¹ The MAXIMUM required distance is ~ 100-ft.

Hearing Requests

operator shall file such petition with the director and mail a true copy to the well operator by certified mail, return receipt requested.

The petition shall notify the well operator that it may answer the petition within five days after receipt, and that in default of an answer the director may approve the proposed operations as requested if it be shown by the petitioner or otherwise to the satisfaction of the director that such operations are in accordance with the law and with the provisions of this article. If the well operator files an answer which requests a hearing, one shall be held within ten days of such answer and the director shall fix a time and date and give both the coal operator and well operator five days' written notice of the same by certified mail, return receipt requested. At the hearing, the well operator and coal operator, as well as the director, shall be permitted to offer any competent and relevant evidence. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the director shall grant the request of the coal operator or refuse to grant the same, or make such other decision with respect to such proposed underground operation as in its judgment is just and reasonable under all circumstances and in accordance with law and the provisions of this article: Provided, that a grant by the director of a request to mine through a well shall require an acceptable test to be conducted by the coal operator establishing that such mining through can be done safely.

If a hearing is not requested by the well operator or if the well operator gives, in writing, its consent to the coal operator to mine within closer than two hundred feet of the specified well, the director shall grant the request of the coal operator within five days after the petition's original five day answer period if the director determines that such operations are just, reasonable and in accordance with law and the provisions of this article.

The director shall docket and keep a record of all such proceedings. From any such final decision or order of the director, either the well operator or coal operator, or both, may, within ten days, appeal to the circuit court of the county in which the well subject to said petition is located. The procedure in the circuit court shall be substantially as provided in section four [29A-5-4], article five, chapter twenty-nine-A of this code, with the director being named as a respondent. From any final order or decree of the circuit court, an appeal may be taken to the supreme court of appeals as heretofore provided.

A copy of the document or documents evidencing the action of the director with respect to such petition shall promptly be filed with the chief of the office of oil and gas of the division of environmental protection.





C. MINING THROUGH AN OIL AND GAS WELL
(SEE WV CODE 22A-2-75(b))

The mine operator should submit three copies of Form OG-45 (Coal Operator's Petition to Operate Within 200 Feet or to Mine Through a Well) along with copies of the affidavit of plugging showing the plugging of the well in accordance with WV Code 22-6-24(d)(3).

WV Code 22-6-24(d)(3)

(3) Where a request of a coal operator or coal seam owner filed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection has been granted by the director, the well shall be plugged in the manner provided in subsection (a) of this section, except that expanding cement shall be used instead of regular hydraulic cement, to a point approximately two hundred feet below the lowest workable coal bed. A one hundred foot plug of expanding cement shall then be placed in the well beginning at the point approximately two hundred feet below the lowest workable coal bed and extending to a point approximately one hundred feet below the lowest workable coal bed. A string of casing with an outside diameter no less than four and one-half inches shall then be run into the well to a point approximately one hundred feet below the lowest workable coal bed and such string of casing shall be circulated and cemented into the surface. The casing shall then be emptied of liquid from a point approximately one hundred feet below the lowest workable coal bed to the surface, and a vent or other device approved by the director shall be installed on the top of the string of casing in such a manner that it will prevent liquids and solids from entering the well but will permit ready access to the full internal diameter of the coal protection string of casing when required. The string of casing and the vent or other device approved by the director shall extend, when finally in place, a distance of no less than thirty inches above ground level and shall be permanently marked with the well number assigned by the director. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, if under particular circumstances a different method of plugging is required to obtain the approval of another governmental agency for safe mining through said well, the director may approve such different method of plugging if the director finds the same to be as safe for mining through and otherwise adequate to prevent gas or other fluid migration from the oil and gas reservoirs as the method above specified.

(e) Any person may apply to the director for an order to clean out and replug a previously plugged well in a manner which will permit the safe mining through of such well. Such application shall be filed with the

Allows WV OMHS&T to approve alternate plugging requirements of other Regulatory Agencies.



director and shall contain the well number, a general description of the well location, the name and address of the owner of the surface land upon which the well is located, a copy of or record reference to a deed, lease or other document which entitles the applicant to enter upon the surface land, a description of the methods by which the well was previously plugged, and a description of the method by which such applicant proposes to clean out and replug the well. At the time an application is filed with the director, a copy shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to the owner or owners of the land, and the oil and gas lessee of record, if any, of the site upon which the well is located. If no objection to the replugging of the well is filed by any such landowner or oil and gas lessee within thirty days after the filing of the application, and if the director determines that the method proposed for replugging the well will permit the safe mining through of such well, the director shall grant the application by an order authorizing the replugging of the well. Such order shall specify the method by which the well shall be replugged, and copies thereof shall be mailed by certified or registered mail to the applicant and to the owner or owners of the land, and the oil and gas lessee, if any, of the site upon which such well is located. If any such landowner or oil and gas lessee objects to the replugging of the well, the director shall notify the applicant of such objection. Thereafter, the director shall schedule a hearing to consider the objection, which hearing shall be held after notice by registered or certified mail to the objectors and the applicant. After consideration of the evidence presented at the hearing, the director shall issue an order authorizing the replugging of the well if the director determines that replugging of the well will permit the safe mining through of such well. Such order shall specify the manner in which the well shall be replugged and copies thereof shall be sent by registered or certified mail to the applicant and objectors. The director shall issue an order rejecting the application if the director determines that the proposed method for replugging the well will not permit the safe mining through of such well.

D. PROGRESS MAPS

Progress maps must be filed every six months showing mining completed within the 500 foot radius. One copy only need be submitted denoting it is a progress map and with the permit number. When all mining is completed, a final progress map should be submitted stating that mining is completed and final progress map.

These progress maps are reviewed closely to ascertain permit compliance. Action will be taken for non-compliance.

WV OMHS&T maintains a database of abandoned and active mines in West Virginia



E. SURFACE MINES
(SEE WV CODE 22A-2-75(c))

The mine operator must submit three copies of Form OG-59 (Surface Mining Agreement RE: Mining Within 200 Feet of an Oil and/or Gas Well) to the agency and forward one copy to the well operator by certified mail, return receipt requested.

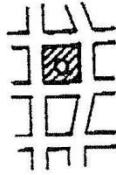
WV CODE 22A-2-75(c)

(c) Before a coal operator conducts surface or strip mining operations as defined in this chapter, within two hundred feet of any well, including the removal of coal and other material, the operator shall file with the director and furnish to the well operator by certified mail, return receipt requested, its mining maps and plans (which it is required to prepare, file and update to and with the regulatory authority) for the area within two hundred feet of the well, together with a notice, on a form furnished by the director, informing them that the mining maps and plans are being filed or mailed pursuant to the requirements of this section, and representing that the planned operations will not unreasonably interfere with access to or operation of the well and will not damage the well. In addition, the coal operator shall furnish the well operator with evidence that it has in force public liability insurance, with at least the minimum coverage required by article three [§22-3-1 et seq.], chapter twenty-two of this code, and the rules promulgated thereto and thereunder.

Once these mining maps and plans are filed with the director, the coal operator may proceed with its surface or strip mining operations in the manner and as projected on such plans or maps, so long as such surface mining operations do not unreasonably interfere with access to, or operation of, the well or do not damage the well.

Public Liability Insurance
See 22-3-9 (d)

60 X 60



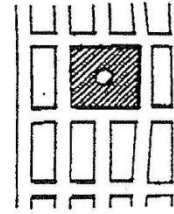
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75 X 75



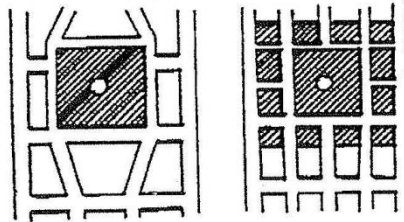
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100 X 100



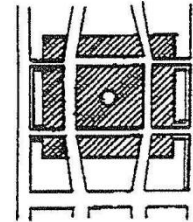
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(MIN. 10,000 SQ. FT. BEARING AREA)

125 X 125



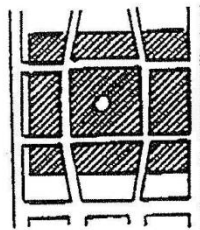
COVER 350 TO 449'
(MIN. 15,000 SQ. FT. BEARING AREA) (MIN. 2,000 SQ. FT. BEARING AREA)

155 X 155



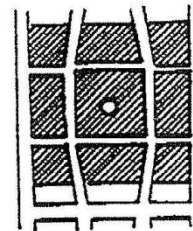
COVER 450 TO 549'
(MIN. 25,000 SQ. FT. BEARING AREA)

180 X 180



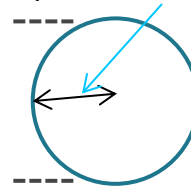
COVER 550 TO 649'
(MIN. 32,000 SQ. FT. BEARING AREA)

200 X 200



COVER 650 TO 700'+
(MIN. 40,000 SQ. FT. BEARING AREA)

(D * Tan 8°)



NOTE: NO PLACE TO EXCEED 18" IN WIDTH.
PILLARS TO BE A MINIMUM OF TWICE THE
WIDTH OF THE EXCAVATION DRIVEN.
SCALE 1 INCH = 200 FEET

EXAMPLES OF PILLAR PLANS FOR VARIOUS DEPTHS OF COVER



COAL OPERATOR'S PETITION TO OPERATE
WITHIN 200 FEET OR TO MINE THROUGH A WELL

Well Type: Oil _____ / Gas _____ / Liquid Injection _____ / Waste Disposal _____ / Coal Bed Methane _____

If Gas: Production _____ / Underground Storage _____ / Deep _____ / Shallow _____

Location: Elevation: _____ Watershed: _____

District: _____ County: _____ Quadrangle: _____

WELL OPERATOR: _____ AGENT: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Name of Person to receive this permit: _____ Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

The Undersigned coal operator hereby petitions for approval to do the following:

- _____ Mine within 200 feet of said well
- _____ Mine through said well when the same is properly plugged
- _____ Proposed Gas well to be drilled within 200 feet of mine workings

On the reverse side hereof is a copy of the map and plan of the undersigned coal operator showing its projected mine workings within 500 feet of said well.

The undersigned coal operator hereby represents that it will file updated or new maps and plans with the Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training every six months, until mining within 500 feet of the well had ceased or until the well has been mined through.

Prior to the actual mining through of said well, the undersigned coal operator will submit the Form WR-35, "Well Operator's Report of Drilling, Fracturing and or Stimulating or Physical Change" and the Form WR-38, "Affidavit of Plugging and Filling Well", to show that the well has been properly plugged in a manner to permit the safe mining through of the well.

Copies of this petition and enclosed maps and plans have been sent by registered mail to the well operator, as required by Code 22A-2-75.

Coal Operator _____

By: _____ Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

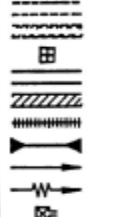
STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____
TO WIT:

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is _____ of the coal operator named above; that he is familiar with the facts set out both in the petition and on the accompanying maps and plans; and that the same are true. Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____. My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

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	LEGEND PROJECTED ROOMS AND ENTRIES PROJECTED EXTRACTIONS NO SECOND MINING ROOMS AND ENTRIES PILLAR EXTRACTIONS TRACK BELT HEAD AND TAIL INTAKE AIR RETURN AIR MAIN FAN	File No. _____ Drawing No. _____ Scale _____ Minimum degree of accuracy, 1: _____ (+) Denotes location of well on United States Topographic maps Signed _____ R.P.E. _____ / L.L.S. _____	PLACE SEAL HERE
	Latitude: _____ / _____ / _____ Longitude: _____ / _____ / _____ Date: _____		

Coal Operator's Well No. _____ Operator's Well No. _____

APL Well No. 47- _____ County _____ Permit _____

PROJECTED DISTANCE OF NEAREST OR CLOSEST MINING TO WELL _____

WV Office of MHST Mine Permit No.: _____

COAL OPERATOR'S PLAN TO EXTEND MINE WORKINGS
WITHIN 200 FEET OF A WELL

COAL OPERATOR _____ ELEVATIONS: Surface: _____

Address: _____ Bottom of Coal: _____

Difference: _____

MINE _____ SECTION _____ OVERBURDEN _____ COAL SEAM _____

ROOF _____ BOTTOM _____

Well Type: Oil _____ / Gas _____ / Liquid Injection _____ / Waste Disposal _____ / Coal Bed Methane _____

(if Gas: Production _____ / Underground Storage _____ / Deep _____ / Shallow _____)

Location: Elevation: _____ Watershed: _____

District: _____ County: _____ Quadrangle: _____

Farm _____ / Tract _____ acres (Lease No. _____)

STATUS: Active _____ / Abandoned _____ / Drilling _____ / Plugged _____

Date completed or abandoned: _____

AMOUNT OF CASING IN WELL: _____

DATE: _____

OPERATOR'S WELL NO. _____

API WELL NO. 47 - _____ - _____

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**NOTICE BY COAL OPERATOR OF INTENTION
TO MINE WORKINGS WITHIN 500 FEET OF A WELL**

WELL OPERATOR: _____ AGENT: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Name of Person to receive this permit: _____ Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

On the reverse side hereof is a copy of the map and plan of the undersigned coal operator showing its projected mine workings within 500 feet of said well or under a tract of land of which the indicated well operator is in visible possession for the purpose of drilling a well.

Pursuant to the requirements of Code 22A-2-75, you are hereby notified that the undersigned coal operator will proceed with its mining operations in the manner and as projected on said plan or maps, but will not mine or remove coal or conduct its mining operations nearer than 200 feet to said well without the consent of the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training.

The undersigned coal operator hereby represents that it will file updated or new maps and plans with the Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training every six months, until mining within 500 feet of the well had ceased or until the well has been mined through.


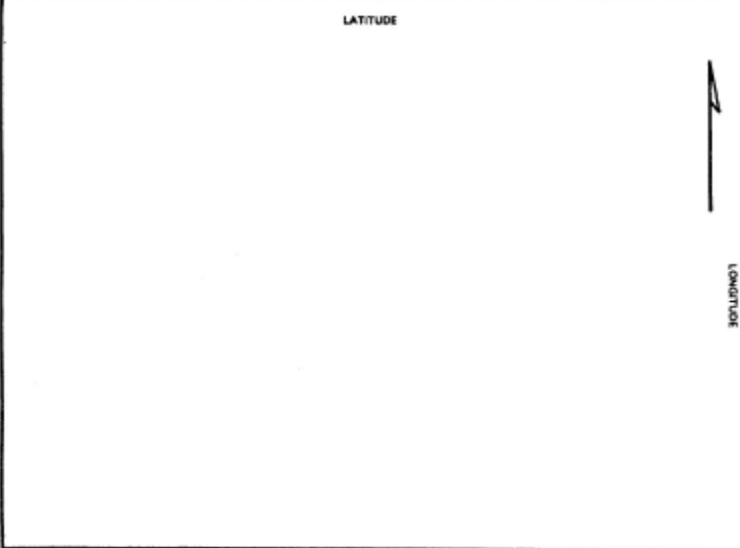
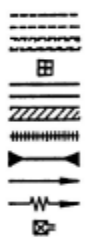
By: _____ Coal Operator

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Email Address: _____

Copies with attachments to:
Well Operator
Designated Agent

Note:
In the event a coal operator, prior to proceeding with any mining operations within 500 feet of a well, files form OG-45, "Coal Operators Petition to Operate within 200 Feet or to Mine through a well", such form OG-45 petition shall serve as the notice to intention to extend mine workings within 500 feet of the subject well, and the form OG-44 is not required.

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Latitude: ____/____/____ Longitude: ____/____/____ Date: _____

Coal Operator's Well No. _____ Operator's Well No. _____

API Well No. 47-- _____ County _____ Permit _____

PROJECTED DISTANCE OF NEAREST OR CLOSEST MINING TO WELL _____ ft

WV Office of MHST Mine Permit No.: _____

**COAL OPERATOR'S PLAN TO EXTEND MINE WORKINGS
WITHIN 500 FEET OF A WELL**

COAL OPERATOR _____ ELEVATIONS: Surface: _____

Address: _____ Bottom of Coal: _____

Difference: _____

MINE _____ SECTION _____ OVERBURDEN _____ COAL SEAM _____

ROOF _____ BOTTOM _____

Well Type: Oil _____ / Gas _____ / Liquid Injection _____ / Waste Disposal _____ / Coal Bed Methane _____

(If Gas: Production _____ / Underground Storage _____ / Deep _____ / Shallow _____)

Location: Elevation: _____ Watershed: _____

District: _____ County: _____ Quadrangle: _____

Farm: _____ Tract _____ acres (Lease No. _____)

STATUS: Active _____ / Abandoned _____ / Drilling _____ / Plugged _____

Date completed or abandoned: _____

AMOUNT OF CASING IN WELL: _____

DATE: _____
OPERATOR'S WELL NO. _____
API WELL NO. 47 - _____ - _____



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I, _____ of
(Name) (Title)

(Coal Company Name) (WV Permit Number)

(Address) (City) (ST) (Zip)

Agree that the planned operations submitted in this application will not unreasonably interfere with access to or operation of the well and will not damage well No: _____ (API), located on _____
(Farm Name) in _____ County.

Signed: _____ Printed Name: _____
Dated: _____

Name of Person to receive this permit: _____ Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

STATE OF: _____
COUNTY OF: _____
TO WIT:

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is _____ of the coal operator named above; that he is familiar with the facts set out both in the petition and on the accompanying maps and plans; and that the same are true. Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____
My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

Note:
Documentation of public liability insurance, must accompany this application.

Important



1) AFTER DRILLING, provide an as-built survey of each well location.



2) UPON ABANDONMENT, each well should be marked with a brass tag with its ID stamped on it, mounted permanently with steel and concrete so that when buried a metal detector can easily find.

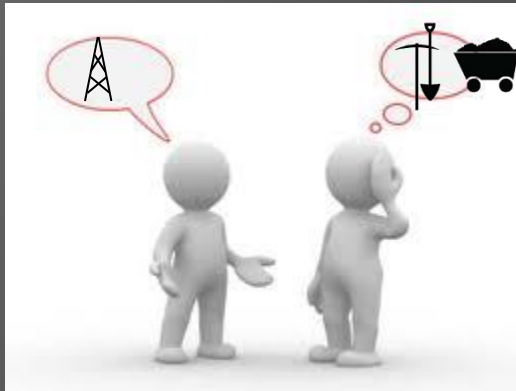
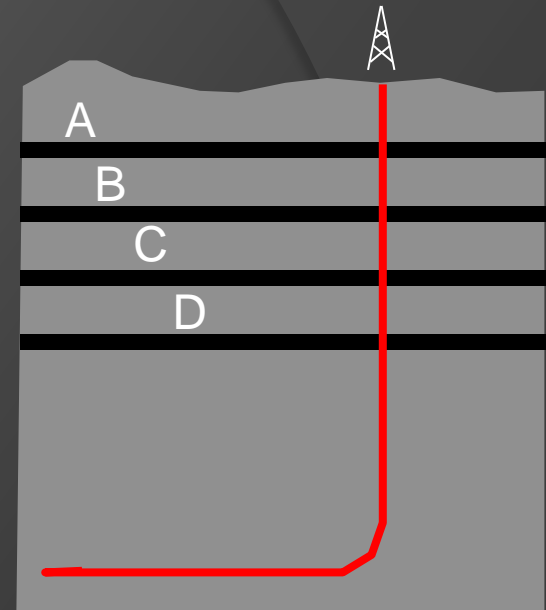


Important



3) Wells must be **DRILLED VERTICAL** until safely below the deepest coal bed that could be conceivably mined (either now or in the future).

4) **COMMUNICATE !**



Summation



The importance of accurate well location cannot be stressed enough. With the evolution of new technology in drilling it is hard to say how the surface location of wells will relate to the underground location of where the well will penetrate the mineable coal seams. That is of utmost concern to the Office of Miners' Health, Safety & Training. When companies submit plans to us to mine near wells and they show a location of the well on the map we expect the well to be at that location. The formulas that we use to decide on approving the applications are not only to preserve the integrity of the well so as not to damage it but also to allow for the safe mining of the coal in that area.

Summation (cont.)



Some of the issues we have had in recent years have been with old abandoned wells whose locations were unknown and the mines have intersected those wells. There are many old wells out there which have been abandoned for years with no information available to locate them. Let's not make this mistake again. We now have the means to provide accurate information on well locations at the point that they penetrate the coal seams however this information is not always readily available. If we can prevent one incident in the future from occurring concerning inaccurate well locations it will be well worth the effort.

Summation (cont.)



The Office of Miners' Health, Safety & Training would like to work hand in hand with the gas industry in developing an acceptable system of sharing this invaluable information so that we may continue to recover these resources while protecting our most valuable resource, the Worker.



Wednesday, October 16, 2013
9:43:00 AM EDT

NEW

PHOTO GALLERY MHST AT WV 150th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

[VIEW JUNE 4, 2013 SHELTER REST NOTICE](#)

MAY 28, 2013 NOTICE:
EFFECTIVE JUNE 3, 2013, THE WV OFFICE OF MINERS' HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRAINING WILL ISSUE VIOLATIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN TITLE 56, SERIES 17, (COAL DUST/ROCK DUST RATIO)

April 8, 2013
Title 56 Series 32 - Notice of Emergency Amendment to an Emergency Rule Governing Substance Abuse Screening, Standards and Procedures filed April 8, 2013 with WV Secretary of State.

APRIL 1, 2013 NOTICE:
EFFECTIVE APRIL 17, 2013 THE WV OFFICE OF MINERS' HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRAINING WILL ISSUE VIOLATIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN 22A-2-42(b), (EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL).

February 1, 2013
Title 56 Series 12 - Notice of Comment Period filed with WV Secretary of State

February 4, 2013
[Order to Refit Approved Underground Mine Shelters and Forms](#)

January 22, 2013 NOTICE:
THE WV OFFICE OF MINERS' HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRAINING WILL BEGIN ISSUING THE SAFETY SENSITIVE PERSONNEL CARD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013.

YOU MUST VISIT ONE OF OUR OFFICES TO HAVE YOUR PHOTO MADE AND CARD ISSUED. A COMPLETED SAFETY SENSITIVE PERSONNEL FORM AND A \$10 FEE IS REQUIRED.

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Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor

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Keith Burdette, Cabinet Secretary

Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training
Eugene White, Director

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Online Reporting and Services

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