



# Inspector's View

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## **FOCUS:**

Did you know that Arizona State Statutes require that all mines, and facilities such as batchplants, hotplants, truck shops, etc, located on mine sites to report a Start / Stop Notice? All forms can be found at [AMSI.az.gov/resources](https://amsi.az.gov/resources).

### **27-303 Notification to inspector of beginning or suspending operations states:**

- A.** When mining operations are scheduled to begin at any mine, the operator, owner, agent or other authorized representative shall give written notice to the inspector prior to commencement of mining.
- B.** If operations do not commence within six months after the inspector receives the notice of commencement, the operation is considered to be suspended.
- C.** In the case of temporary suspensions of operations, excluding labor disputes, exceeding six months or in the case of permanent termination of mining operations, the operator shall notify the inspector, in writing, before the suspension or termination date. All shafts, portals, adits, or other openings shall be secured to prevent unauthorized entry and to protect public health and safety pursuant to section 27-318.
- D.** On notification of suspension or termination of mining operations, the inspector shall inspect the property to determine if adequate safety measures are being taken to protect the public.

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## **JANUARY's TOP 5 WRITTEN VIOLATIONS:**

1. **Warnings from Unusual Hazards: R11-1-138.** Warning signs and/or lights, ropes and temporary guards shall be placed in order to give adequate warning from all unusual hazards.
2. **Unsafe Equipment: R11-1-531.** Unsafe equipment or machinery presenting an immediate danger must either be repaired immediately or be otherwise rendered not subject to further use until repaired.
3. **Warnings from Unusual Hazards: R11-1-138.** Warning signs and/or lights, ropes and temporary guards shall be placed in order to give adequate warning from all unusual hazards.
4. **Operator Responsibility 27-304.**
  - A.** The Operator shall conduct his operation with due regard to health and safety. No operator shall fail to provide or use such safety devices and safeguards as are reasonably necessary to protect the life, health and safety of his employees.
  - B.** The operator, or some responsible person with authority appointed by him, shall be on duty at all times when employees are working. He shall be responsible for the safe performance of all work under him and the safety of all employees.
  - C.** The operator shall designate a person or persons to inspect as frequently as may be required by any rules or regulations for unsafe conditions and practices, defective equipment and materials, and where such conditions are found, to take appropriate corrective action.
  - D.** The operator and his supervisory personnel shall enforce safety regulations and issue such orders as may be necessary to safeguard the life, health and safety of employees.
5. **Removal of "lock on switch" from electric drills or other electrically operated hand rotating tools: R-11-1-804.** Electric drills or other electrically operated hand rotating tools shall have the electric switch constructed so as to break the circuit when the hand releases the switch or shall be equipped with friction or safety devices, and shall be properly grounded.

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**SAFETY SHARE:** February's Safety Share is on **Pinch Point Safety Awareness**. *Please feel free to share.*  
If you have a topic that you would like to see, or share, please send to [publicinfo@asmi.az.gov](mailto:publicinfo@asmi.az.gov)

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**BEST PRACTICE OF THE MONTH:** February's Best Practice of the Month is regarding **Mechanisms and Hydraulics** on screen plants was submitted by Blake Goodfellow from Goodfellow Corporation.  
Submit your best practice, by sending it to [publicinfo@asmi.az.gov](mailto:publicinfo@asmi.az.gov) to have it featured in an upcoming newsletter.

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