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SUBJECT: Incorporating the Hazard Communication (HazCom) Training Requirements into
Part 46 and Part 48

Scope

This policy letter applies to all mine operators and independent contractors

Purpose

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) has recently published a HazCom rule and modified Part 46 and Part 48 to include specific HazCom training requirements. This modification requires all newly employed miners to receive HazCom training. Also, HazCom training is required under task training when a miner is assigned a new task in which the miner has no previous work experience, when a new hazardous chemical is introduced into a miners work area and when an existing chemical is found to possess a new hazard. These changes are effective September 23, 2002, for mines with six or more miners and March 21, 2003, for mines with five or fewer miners.

These training requirements were incorporated into the following sections of Part 46 and Part 48.

Part 46

- ' 46.5(b)(4) New miner training
- ' 46.6(b)(4) Newly hired experienced miner training
- ' 46.7(a) New task training

Part 48 Subpart A (underground)

- ' 48.5(b)(13) Training of new miners; minimum courses of instruction; hours of instruction
- ' 48.6(b)(11) Experienced miner training

- ' 48.7(a)(c) Training of miners assigned to a task in which they have had no previous

experience; minimum courses of instruction

Part 48 Subpart B (surface)

' 48.25(b)(12) Training of new miners; minimum courses of instruction; hours of instruction.

' 48.26(b)(11) Experienced miner training

' 48.27(a)(1) and (c) Training of miners assigned to a task in which they have had no previous experience; minimum courses of instruction

Policy

To assist operators to comply with these new training requirements, we have developed training plan addendums (see attachments) for your training plan. If you attach the appropriate addendum(s) to your existing MSHA-approved training plan, you will not need to submit this plan modification to us for approval. We will accept this as an approved training plan modification.

As a reminder, make sure you follow the requirements of Part 46 or Part 48, as applicable, for sharing this modification with the miners and miners= representative.

Background

This policy was developed to assist operators comply with the new training requirements in Part 46 and Part 48.

Authority

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 30, Part 46, Part 47 and Part 48.

Filing Instructions

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Part 48 (Underground) Addendum to Existing Training Plan

Part 48.5 Training of new miners; minimum courses of instruction; hours of instruction

Part 48.5(b)(13) Health and safety aspects of the tasks to which the new miner will be assigned

Subject: 48.5(b)(13)	Training Methods	Course Materials	Evaluation Method(s)
Information about the physical and health hazards of chemicals in the miner's work area	Lecture, discussion, audio/video or other	MSHA training modules, company safety rules, MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions or other
Protective measures a miner can take against these hazards	Lecture, discussion, demonstration, audio/video or other	Protective equipment, copies of MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other
Contents of the mine's HazCom program	Lecture, demonstration, discussion, audio/video or other	Company policy, information on where to find HazCom information or other	Oral and/or written questions and demonstration or other

Part 48 (Underground) Addendum to Existing Training Plan

Part 48.6 Experienced miner training

Part 48.6(b)(11) Health and safety aspects of the tasks to which the experienced miner will be assigned

Subject: 48.6(b)(11)	Training Methods	Course Materials	Evaluation Method(s)
Information about the physical and health hazards of chemicals in the miner's work area	Lecture, discussion, audio/video or other	MSHA training modules, company safety rules, MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions or other
Protective measures a miner can take against these hazards	Lecture, discussion, demonstration, audio/video or other	Protective equipment, copies of MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other
Contents of the mine's HazCom program	Lecture, demonstration, discussion, audio/video or other	Company policy and information on where to find HazCom information or other	Oral and/or written questions and demonstration or other

Part 48 (Underground) Addendum to Existing Training Plan

Part 48.7 Training of miners assigned to a task in which they have had no previous experience; minimum courses of instruction

Part 48.7(a) Miners assigned to new work tasks as mobile equipment operators, drilling machine operators, haulage and conveyor systems operators, ground control machine operators, and those in blasting operations shall not perform new work tasks in these categories until training prescribed in this paragraph and paragraph (b) of this section has been completed.

Part 48.7(c) Miners assigned a new task not covered in paragraph (a) of this section shall be instructed in the safety and health aspects and safe work procedures of the task

Also, HazCom training will be provided when a new chemical hazard is introduced into a miners work area and when an existing chemical is found to possess a new hazard.

Subject: 48.7(a)(c)	Training Methods	Course Materials	Evaluation Method(s)
Information about the physical and health hazards of chemicals in the miner's work area	Lecture, discussion, audio/video or other	MSHA training modules, company safety rules, MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions or other
Protective measures a miner can take against these hazards	Lecture, discussion, demonstration, audio/video or other	Protective equipment, copies of MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other
Contents of the mine's HazCom program	Lecture, demonstration, discussion, audio/video or other	Company policy, information on where to find HazCom information or other	Oral and/or written questions and demonstration or other

Part 48 (Surface) Addendum to Existing Training Plan

Part 48.25 Training of new miners; minimum courses of instruction; hours of instruction

Part 48.25(b)(12) Health and safety aspects of the tasks to which the new miner will be assigned

Subject: 48.25(b)(12)	Training Methods	Course Materials	Evaluation Method(s)
Information about the physical and health hazards of chemicals in the miner's work area	Lecture, discussion, audio/video or other	MSHA training modules, company safety rules, MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions or other
Protective measures a miner can take against these hazards	Lecture, discussion, demonstration, audio/video or other	Protective equipment, copies of MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other
Contents of the mine's HazCom program	Lecture, demonstration, discussion, audio/video or other	Company policy, information on where to find HazCom information or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other

Part 48 (Surface) Addendum to Existing Training Plan

Part 48.26 Experienced miner Training

Part 48.26(b)(11) Health and safety aspects of the tasks to which the experienced miner will be assigned

Subject: 48.26(b)(11)	Training Methods	Course Materials	Evaluation Method(s)
Information about the physical and health hazards of chemicals in the miner's work area	Lecture, discussion, audio/video or other	MSHA training modules, company safety rules, MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions or other
Protective measures a miner can take against these hazards	Lecture, discussion, demonstration, audio/video or other	Protective equipment, copies of MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other
Contents of the mine's HazCom program	Lecture, demonstration, discussion, audio/video or other	Company policy, information on where to find HazCom information or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other

Part 48 (Surface) Addendum to Existing Training Plan

Part 48.27 Training of miners assigned to a task in which they have had no previous experience; minimum courses of instruction

Part 48.27(a) Miners assigned to new work tasks as mobile equipment operators, drilling machine operators, haulage and conveyor systems operators, ground control machine operators, and those in blasting operations shall not perform new work tasks in these categories until training prescribed in this paragraph and paragraph (b) of this section has been completed.

Part 48.27(c) Miners assigned a new task not covered in paragraph (a) of this section shall be instructed in the safety and health aspects and safe work procedures of the task

Also, HazCom training will be provided when a new chemical hazard is introduced into a miners work area and when an existing chemical is found to possess a new hazard.

Subject: 48.27(a)(c)	Training Methods	Course Materials	Evaluation Method(s)
Information about the physical and health hazards of chemicals in the miner's work area	Lecture, discussion, audio/video or other	MSHA training modules, company safety rules, MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions or other
Protective measures a miner can take against these hazards	Lecture, discussion, demonstration, audio/video or other	Protective equipment, copies of MSDSs used at the mine or other	Oral and/or written questions, demonstration or other
Contents of the mine's HazCom program	Lecture, demonstration, discussion, audio/video or other	Company policy, information on where to find HazCom information or other	Oral and/or written questions and demonstration or other