

Mine Rescue Training Program Procedures

General

In order to maintain a valid Mine Rescue Training Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, participating operators shall adhere to the below listed procedures without exception. Operators, whose agreements become void for non-compliance with these procedures, will be notified by certified mail with copies sent to the appropriate Mine Safety and Health Administration office(s).

Training (New Members)

Prior to becoming a "team member", all individuals selected by participating operators for mine rescue are required to complete 20 hours of initial training. This training will be conducted on three consecutive days determined by the Bureau.

Training (Underground)

All mine rescue "team members" are required to train underground once each six months. Any individual(s) absent from scheduled underground training will forfeit their "team member" status.

Absenteeism

Team members are required to attend scheduled monthly training sessions. Any team member who is absent for two consecutive monthly sessions, or who is absent twice in any 12 month period shall be replaced by the operator.

Such replacements, regardless of previous mine rescue training, shall be required to complete the 20 hour initial training course (see Training (New Members)).

Operator Participation (Liaisons)

Throughout a year period, the Bureau schedules and conducts informational meetings with participating operators. Designated liaisons are required to attend these meetings. Attendance at these meetings by team members is **not acceptable**.

Correspondence (Absence from Training)

As a matter of courtesy, the Bureau will continue to notify participating operators of any absences which occur. Operators are required to reply and give the reason(s) for such absences.

Correspondence (Physical Examinations)

Team members are required to have annual physical examinations. At least one month prior to the expiration of a team members physical examination, the Bureau will notify participating operators of such expiration and provide a blank form 5000-3 for completion by a physician. Operators are required to have this examination completed and return this form to the Bureau of Deep Mine Safety, Fayette County Health Center, 100 New Salem Road, Uniontown, PA 15401. It is the operator's responsibility, not the examining physician's, to return this form. **DO NOT send this form to the mine rescue station.**

Participation

Participating operators are required to provide **one employee per 50 persons employed underground, per mine.** Operations, whose employment increases during a covered period will be expected to increase its number of participants accordingly. The table of participation is as follows:

Participants	Underground Employment per Mine
1	1-50
2	51-100
3	101-150
4	151-200
5	201-250
6	251-300
7	301-350