



WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY

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PROPOSED REGULATIONS

To: All persons interested in Rules and Regulations constructed by the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety

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Subject: **Requirement to Keep a Barometer in the Mine Office; Requirement to develop a training program for use of barometer by mine foreman to be developed by Board of Miner Training and Certification; Record-keeping, Title 36, Section 49**

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Authority: §22.6.4

The Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety is posting a proposed regulation regarding the use of a barometer at all underground coal mines. The rule mandates a barometer to be kept at the mine office which is capable of recording pressure changes which will be recorded daily. It also charges the mine foreman with keeping a daily log

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TITLE 36
LEGISLATIVE RULES
BOARD OF COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY

SERIES 49

Requirement to Keep a Barometer in the Mine Office

§36-49-1. General.

1.1 Scope. Rules and Regulations Mandating Barometers at Underground Coal Mines in the State of West Virginia

1.2 Authority. W V. Code 22A-6-4.

1.3 Filing Date.

1.4 Effective Date.

§36-49-2. Requirement to Keep a Barometer in the Mine Office

2.1 A working barometer capable of recording barometric pressure changes will be kept at all times at the mine office.

§36-49-3 Record-keeping

3.1 The barometer shall be examined daily and properly maintained.

3.2 The Mine Foreman shall examine the barometer readings daily and a record of these readings shall be kept and made available to an authorized representative of the Director of the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training and to the miners or their authorized representatives in such mine.

§36-49-4. Training Program

4.1 A unit of instruction will be created by the Board of Miner Training and Certification no later than 90 days after the effective date of this rule and incorporated into the mine foreman training and continuing education program as established in 22A-7-7