



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

From: Joel L. Watts, Administrator – BCMH&S

Subject: **Testing and Calibration of Machine Mounted Methane Monitors on Working Face Equipment**, Title 36, Section 53

Date: 22 April 2010

End Date for Comments: 28 May 2010

Authority: §22.6.4

The Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety is posting a proposed regulation which amends the current statute to increase the degree of safety. This is a new rule. It requires testing calibration of machine mounted methane monitors within every 15 days.

You may send all written comments to

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All comments must be post-marked by 28 May in order to be accepted by the Board for consideration.

**TITLE 36
LEGISLATIVE RULES
BOARD OF COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

SERIES 53

**Testing and Calibration of Machine Mounted Methane Monitors on Working Face
Equipment**

§36-53-1. General.

1.1 Scope. Rules and Regulations Governing the Testing and Calibration of Machine Mounted Methane Monitors on Working Face Equipment.

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

1.3 Filing Date.

1.4 Effective Date.

**§36-53-2. Testing and Calibration of Machine Mounted Methane Monitors on Working Face
Equipment**

Within every fifteen days, all face machine mounted methane monitors shall be checked for operating accuracy with a known methane air mixture and shall be calibrated as necessary. A record of calibration tests shall be kept in a book on the surface and made available to an authorized representative of the Director of the Office of Miner's Health, Safety and Training and to miners or the authorized representatives of the miners at that mine.