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To: WV Underground Mine Operators, WV OMHS&T Inspectors at Large, Assistant Inspectors at Large and Safety Instructors

From: Frank Foster, Director

Re: Interpretation of §36-25-6-1. Designated Areas of Safety 6.1. When in the vicinity of a switch, all persons shall get into an area of safety, either in a shelter hole or a crosscut, when trips are approaching.

This is a notice to provide the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training Director's interpretation of the above Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety Rule §35-25-6-1. "**When trips are approaching**" means any on-rail/track mobile equipment such as rail-mantrips, locomotives and rail cars, rail-mounted roof bolt machines and any other types of transportation equipment that may be traveling in the track entry.

If there are further questions, do not hesitate to contact our office.