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TO: All Coal Operators

FROM: Bart B. Lay, Jr., Deputy Director *BBL*

DATE: June 15, 1987

SUBJECT: Miners Cards

This memorandum is in response to a number of inquiries concerning engineering students or other part-time employees.

According to Section 22-10-1 and 22-10-8 of the Code, technically trained employees of any operation, whose work contributes only indirectly to mine operations, are not required to possess a miner's certification or an apprenticeship card.

On the other hand, any person that will be expected to perform normal duties as a miner must first obtain the appropriate certification.

Additionally, any person possessing a valid apprenticeship card that has been unemployed for a period time, may return to work without additional state required training. His previous work experience would be counted towards his 108 required shifts as an apprentice. And according to recent changes made to West Virginia Administrative Regulations Series 8 and 9, if a person's apprenticeship card has expired, he would first have to renew his card by retaking and passing the appropriate apprentice examination before he would be eligible for employment as a miner. As with the previous example, any apprenticeship experience obtained previously would be counted as part of the required 108 shifts.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 348-3500.

cc: Inspectors-at-Large

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