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MEMORANDUM

TO: All WV Coal Operations
FROM: Stephen F. Webber, Director *SFW*
DATE: April 17, 1995
RE: Electrical Testing and Examinations

During the review of a 1994 mining fatality it has come to my attention that an inconsistency exists in the application of electrical testing and exam requirements. This memo is issued in an effort to clarify the agency's policy of electrical examination of hand tools and extension cords.

At surface mines and surface areas of underground mines, hand-held electrically powered tools and extension cords shall be visually examined and tested by a certified electrician at least monthly. The testing will include a continuity check for proper grounding. The results of this exam shall be recorded and the results made available to all interested persons.

SFW:ks