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FROM: Walter Miller, Director and Edward Jarvis, Deputy
SUBJECT: Interpretation of 22-2-40 (18) of the W.Va. Code
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22-2-40 (18) - "Energize trolley wires may be repaired by a person trained to perform electrical work and to maintain electrical equipment and the operator of a mine shall require that such persons wear approved and tested insulated shoes and wiremans gloves."

INTERPRETATION: It is the consensus of the Department of Mines personnel that whenever a person has to perform work on energized trolley wires, such person has to be a holder of an Electrical Certification issued by the Department of Mines. Non-certified electricians can only perform work on de-energized trolley wires.