Pennsylvania Mining Law

Section 112 to Section 121

1. Before starting any work for the purpose of opening any new mine, the operator must:

a. complete a questionnaire and submit it to the department
b. complete a questionnaire and submit it to the district mine inspector
c. file a request to mine coal to MSHA
d. obtain a surface mine permit from the department

2. When an operator discontinues the operation of a mine, he shall notify the department:

a. immediately
b. within 30 days after the mine closes
c. within 60 days after the mine closes
d. within 30 days before the mine closes

3. Each operator of an active mine shall submit a quarterly report to the Department within:

a. 10 days after the quarter ends
b. 15 days after the quarter ends
c. 30 days after the quarter ends
d. This is an MSHA requirement; the Department does not require it

4. If there are any corrections that need to be made to any previously submitted report, the revisions must be submitted by:

a. January 15th of the following year
b. February 15th of the following year
c. as soon as the corrections are made to the report
d. This is an MSHA requirement; the Department keeps no such records

5. When submitting quarterly reports to the department, the operator:

a. can use the MSHA Quarterly Report
b. shall put it on file at the mine office
c. shall keep all such records for at least 5 years
d. all of the above

6. _____ is authorized to establish and administer a mine rescue program for mines not able to provide a mine rescue crew for themselves.

a. MSHA
b. Combined companies
c. the Department
d. No one is authorized to administer a mine rescue program. It must be worked out between individual operators and the department

7. The department is authorized to train any individual employed underground in the use of:

a. self contained breathing apparatus
b. gas masks
c. first aid
d. a and c only
e. a, b, and c

8. The department, with the consent of _____, can use money set aside in the Mine Safety Fund for mine safety activities and the administration of this Act.

a. a referendum on a ballot on election day
b. the Director of Mine Safety
c. the Governor
d. the Coal Mine Safety Board

9. The department shall:

a. direct all actions of the mine rescue teams in the event of a true emergency
b. coordinate and assist in all responses to a mine emergency
c. refer to MSHA personnel in the event of a true emergency
d. not obstruct the operator in the event of a true emergency

10. To become eligible to be employed as a ''bituminous mine inspector'' in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, an individual must:

a. must be a Pennsylvania resident
b. must be of good immoral character
c. must have at least 10 years underground experience, with at least 5 years
immediately preceding his appointment as an inspector
d. all of the above

11. To become eligible to be employed as a "bituminous mine inspector" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, an individual must:

a. be at least 30 years of age
b. hold a valid certificate as a mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, or mine examiner
c. pass the inspectors exam with a score of at least 90%
d. all of the above

12. To become eligible as a "bituminous electrical inspector" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, an individual must:

a. be a U.S. citizen
b. hold, at a minimum, an associate's degree in electrical engineering
c. hold a current valid certificate as a bituminous mine electrician
d. all of the above

13. The _____ is authorized and directed to obtain and copy all maps of mining conducted in this Commonwealth.

a. Secretary
b. Department
c. Legislature
d. Governor

14. If a mine map is submitted for copying, it must be returned to the individual who submitted it within:

a. 15 days
b. 30 days
c. 45 days
d. 60 days

15. All mine maps and copies of mine maps held by the department shall be:

a. open for public inspection during regular business hours
b. open for public inspection by special appointment
c. made available for inspection if instructed to do so by court order
d. not made available. Maps are not public documents