Pennsylvania Mining Law

Section 105 to Section 111

1. The _____ shall have the power and duty to administer a mine safety program for individuals employed at mines.

a. operator
b. superintendent
c. mine foreman
d. Department

2. The Coal Mine Safety Board shall consist of:

a. the secretary, three mine operator members, and three members who represent the working miners
b. two mine inspectors, a representative of the operators, and a labor representative
c. the Director of Mine Safety, two mine inspectors, a representative of the operators, and a labor representative
d. none of the above

3. The members of the coal Mine Safety Board shall be:

a. elected by popular vote
b. appointed by the legislature
c. appointed by the Governor
d. appointed by the people they represent

4. If a person representing labor resigns from the Mine Safety Board,

a. his replacement is taken from a master list of applicants
b. his replacement is appointed by the Governor from a list of three names provided by the major trade organization representing the miners
c. the remaining members of the Board appoint someone from a list of applicants supplied by the Governor
d. his seat remains vacant until his term is up

5. Members of the Coal Mine Safety Board must resign their position in industry in order to fully devote their efforts to the Board.

a. True
b. False

6. Members of the board shall meet:

a. on a full time basis
b. twice a week, minimum
c. twice a month, minimum
d. twice a year, minimum

7. All subsequent appointments for the Coal Mine Safety Board shall be for terms of _____.

a. 2 years
b. 3 years
c. 4 years
d. as long as the Board member desires to be on the Board

8. If a vacancy exists on the board, the Governor shall appoint his replacement within 30 days of his receipt of a list of nominees.

a. True
b. False

9. The Coal Mine Safety Board has the power to promulgate regulations.

a. True
b. False

10. If the Board is considering promulgating new standards that are not in this act, but are included as part of MSHA's CFR and fail to come to any agreement concerning the standard within _____, the Board will automatically adopt these standards.

a. 3 years
b. 4 years
c. 5 years
d. 6 years

11. Any regulation promulgated by the Coal Mine Safety board shall be no less stringent than the Federal standard.

a. True
b. False

12. If the Coal Mine Board wishes to promulgate any regulation, it shall notify, in writing:

a. each operator in the Commonwealth
b. the representative of the miners, if applicable
c. both a and b
d. neither a or b

13. Any proposed new regulation by the Coal Mine Safety Board shall be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin at the time of its proposal.

a. True
b. False

14. Any surface facility at a deep mine site will be governed by regulations from:

a. the “Safety Laws of Pennsylvania”
b. 30 CFR Part 77, Federal Regulations
c. 30 CFR Part 75, Federal Regulations
d. the Commonwealth cannot enforce anything on the surface until it promulgates new regulations concerning surface facilities at underground mines

15. All underground coal mines shall be inspected in a general way at least _____ a year.

a. once
b. twice
c. three times
d. four times

16. All underground coal mines shall be inspected for electrical purposes at least _____ a year.

a. once
b. twice
c. three times
d. four times

17. _____ shall be given the opportunity to accompany the mine inspector when he is performing his duties at the mine.

a. A representative of the operator
b. A representative of the miners
c. both a and b
d. neither a or b

18. If an accident occurs at a coal mine, the operator must report this accident within _____ of discovery of the accident.

a. 10 minutes
b. 15 minutes
c. 30 minutes
d. 60 minutes

19. An operator must file a report within _____ of an accident of lost time injury.

a. 5 days
b. 5 working days
c. 10 days
d. 10 working days

20. Accidents can be reported to Pennsylvania Mine Safety using the MSHA 7000-1 form.

a. True
b. False

21. The questions used for the Mine Officials Examination shall be reviewed and updated by a committee appointed by the department. This committee shall consist of:

a. A district mine inspector, a superintendent member, and a member from labor
b. 2 district mine inspectors, a superintendent member, and a member from labor
c. 3 department members, 2 members that represent operators, and 2 members represent labor
d. An equal number of persons representing the department, the operators, and labor

22. Records pertaining to certification examinations shall:

a. be available as public record immediately after the examination process is complete
b. be available after a period of 5 years has passed
c. be available after a period of 8 years has passed
d. not be considered as public record, and the results shall never be made available to the public

23. Members of the Mine Official Examination committee are required to take an oath administered by the Director of Mine Safety before they assume their duties as committee members.

a. True
b. False

24. Coal mines shall be considered as "gassy" if:

a. an amount of methane is detected during a gas check that is in excess of 0.25%
b. an amount of methane is detected by the district mine inspector that is 0.25% or greater
c. all mines in Pennsylvania are considered as “gassy”
d. all mines are considered as “non-gassy” until there is an ignition at that mine