



Compliance Review

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ENFORCEMENT FOCUS: 56.12004 Electrical conductors exposed to mechanical damage shall be protected is one of our most cited violations. The *HOT* days of summer are behind us now and it is time to audit your external power cords. Damage can be caused by excessive heat, UV exposure and normal wear and tear. Power cords could be exposed to moisture which could leak into cracks in the outer jackets and cause shock or electrocution. **Never Touch** power cords unless the power source is Locked and Tagged out. Wear the proper PPE for the job, and visually inspect all power cords that are exposed to our harsh Summer conditions. Look for damaged/burned/brittle insulation of cables, visible damage such as cuts, abrasions, and kinking, and cables exposed to high vibration that contact metal parts.

TOP CITATIONS FOR THE MONTH: Proper workplace exams should eliminate repetitive violations.

56.20003a – Housekeeping; trip, fall hazards cause a significant number of Lost Workday or restricted duty injuries. How reasonably likely is this to occur at you plant or operation?

56.14107a – Guarding; moving machine parts, inspect, report and repair to prevent injury.

56.11002 – Substantially constructed and maintained in good condition, Inspect regularly.

56.4402 – Safety Cans for flammable liquids; do not bring unauthorized cans onto mine property.

56.12004 – Again this month; as stated above inspect, repair or get rid of them.

INDUSTRY TRENDS: The trends of the industry have a tendency to weigh on the effectiveness of their WORKPLACE EXAMINATIONS and the recognition SAFE WORK PRACTICES. This year make an extra effort to train the persons examining the workplace to identify not only obvious unsafe conditions but conditions that are not so noticeable such as electrical labeling that has faded, signs that have been taken down that warn of hazardous conditions, storage of oxygen cylinders stored in rooms with grease or combustible liquids, just to name a few. Insure your company has good risk assessment programs and continue to monitor their effectiveness. If necessary revise your programs to keep up with the changes that take place throughout the year. **EXPLORE THE 30 CFR AND PPM YOU WILL BE SURPRISED WHAT YOU'RE MISSING.**

COMPLIANCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Mining Blasting Safety and Application Seminar National Mine Health and Safety Academy January 18-19, 2012

This tuition-free seminar is for mining company managers, blasting engineers, blasters, and others involved with the planning, design, and use of explosives in the mining industry.

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Compliance Facts

Training Anniversary Dates – Annual refresher training anniversary dates are determined by the Month and not the day. For example, if a miner completed annual refresher training some time in February, then the next annual refresher training must be completed **by the end** of the following February.

Mark Your Calendar

Quarterly Reports Due by January 15th

SPRING THAW 2012 – We are working on scheduling this month. The date is to be announced soon.
Are you Fire Extinguishers Annual inspection due this month?