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MEMORANDUM DM-14-02

TO: All Coal Mine Operators
FROM: *M. Randy Moore*
M. Randy Moore, Chief
SUBJECT: *Surface First Aid Supplies*
DATE: July 29, 2014

Article 4 of the *Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia* requires that surface foremen be certified in first aid, each surface mine have an adequate supply of first aid materials, and safe transportation be provided to move injured persons. In order to fulfill these objectives and through consultation with various mine representatives, it has been determined that the Division of Mines (DM) will require the following additional first aid equipment to be readily available for use at all surface mines by **January 1, 2015**:

- An x-ray translucent, air ambulance compatible backboard.
- An approved portable oxygen administration unit.
- An approved Automatic Electric Defibrillation Unit.

At surface mine sites where multiple licenses such as a Surface Mine, Highwall Miner, or Auger Miner are operating, the operator may choose to locate this additional first aid equipment at a central location readily available to each licensed mine.

The DM has determined that this additional first aid equipment is necessary to protect the health and safety of Virginia miners. Should your mine operation have specific needs or requirements, please contact a representative of the DM to discuss them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your assigned DM Inspector, any other Division representative, or DM's Emergency Response Coordinator, Chris Whitt (chris.whitt@dmme.virginia.gov) for assistance. You may call the Big Stone Gap office at 276-523-8281 or the Lebanon field office at 276-415-9650.

Thank you.

Required First Aid Supplies for Surface Coal Mines

1. One stretcher
2. One x-ray translucent, air ambulance compatible back board. (A splint stretcher combination will satisfy the requirement of both #1 and #2)
3. 24 Triangular bandages (15 if a splint-stretcher combination is used)
4. Eight four-inch bandage compresses
5. Eight two-inch bandage compresses
6. 12 One-inch adhesive compresses
7. One foille
8. Two cloth blankets
9. One rubber blanket or equivalent substitute
10. Two tourniquets
11. One one-ounce bottle of aromatic spirits of ammonia or one dozen ammonia ampoules
12. The necessary complements of arm and leg splints or two each inflatable plastic arm and leg splints
13. 12 Medical examination gloves
14. Two resuscitation masks with one-way valve
15. Portable oxygen administration unit
16. Automatic Electric Defibrillation Unit