

**DIVISION OF MINES GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION OF REGULATORY STANDARDS
MANUAL**

COAL MINE SAFETY ACT	CHAPTER 14.4
ARTICLE 2	WORK AREA EXAMINATIONS, RECORDKEEPING, AND REPORTING
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Section 45.1-161.258.

Areas with Safety or Health Hazards

Hazardous Conditions

Any hazardous condition identified at surface mining operations must be corrected promptly or barricaded and/or posted with warning signs. Certain potentially hazardous conditions cannot be promptly corrected and can only be handled through barricading and/or posting of warning signs. Mining activities adjacent to gas wells and gas transmission lines are of special concern and must be barricaded or posted. Explosives magazines, old mine works, highwalls near access roads and other similar potential hazardous conditions must be identified and controlled by the operator.

Imminent Danger

Any imminent danger which can not be removed within a reasonable time must be reported to the Chief. Misfires with explosives which are not cleared within a shift would be an example of an incident which must be reported. Also, imminent dangers related to unstable refuse piles and/or impoundments would require reporting. Any other imminent danger situation which continues longer than a normal working shift should be reported.

