

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

<b>COAL MINE SAFETY ACT</b>	<b>CHAPTER 14.2</b>
<b>ARTICLE 8</b>	<b>MINE INSPECTIONS</b>
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**Section 45.1-161.83.**

**Review of Inspection Reports and Records**

The inspector will review the most recent available MSHA inspection reports. This may require obtaining records directly from MSHA. This will assist the DM inspector in obtaining a more complete understanding of the mining conditions and practices at the mine which could affect safety performance and compliance.

“Prior to commencing an inspection” does not require the inspector to review all mine reports and records prior to covering areas of the mine that the inspector may feel need immediate attention. However, the inspector should make every effort to review the reports and records as early in the inspection as possible. This will assure the inspector has identified any recorded violations pursuant to the MSA, and familiarize him with any changes relating to safety and health conditions at the mine. This does not require “comprehensive” review of mine reports and records during other inspections. However, during any inspection that the mine reports and records may be considered relevant to the inspection or investigation, the inspector should review them.