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Scheduling of Inspections

A regular inspection requires completion of all the duties and activities ascribed for an inspection by the MSA. A complete inspection is established only when these requirements of the MSA have been accomplished, a close-out conference with the operator or his agent has been conducted, and a completed inspection report has been provided. In scheduling and conducting inspection activities, the inspector is mandated to perform required activities on different shifts and days covering all crews and workings. Further, Division personnel are to take the initiative with the Federal MSHA, to the extent feasible, in coordinating inspection activities that overlap to avoid unnecessary duplication while maximizing the effectiveness of both agencies' resources in promoting compliance and improved safety performance.

By pre-planning inspection schedules, the inspector can commence his inspections at a variety of hours, days, shifts, holidays, etc., and continue flexible shifts, hours, and days throughout the visit. This is essential for the conduct of a successful inspection.

