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person continues to satisfy the requirements for qualification and is employed at the same coal mine or by the same independent contractor.

(c) Applications for Secretarial qualification should be submitted to the Health and Safety Activity, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Certification and Qualification Center, P.O. Box 25367, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo. 80225.

[35 FR 17894, Nov. 20, 1970, as amended at 43 FR 12320, Mar. 24, 1978; 54 FR 30515, July 20, 1989]

# § 75.159 Records of certified and qualified persons.

The operator of each coal mine shall maintain a list of all certified and qualified persons designated to perform duties under this part 75.

[35 FR 17890, Nov. 20, 1970, as amended at 60 FR 33723, June 29, 1995]

# § 75.160 Training programs.

[STATUTORY PROVISION]

Every operator of a coal mine shall provide a program, approved by the Secretary, of training and retraining of both qualified and certified persons needed to carry out functions prescribed in the Act.

#### §75.161 Plans for training programs.

Each operator must submit to the district manager, of the Coal Mine Safety and Health District in which the mine is located, a program or plan setting forth what, when, how, and where the operator will train and retrain persons whose work assignments require that they be certified or qualified. The program must provide—

- (a) For certified persons, annual training courses in first aid, principles of mine rescue, and the provisions of this part 75; and
- (b) For qualified persons, annual courses in performance of the task which they perform as qualified persons.

[63 FR 53761, Oct. 6, 1998]

# Subpart C—Roof Support

SOURCE: 53 FR 2375, Jan. 27, 1988, unless otherwise noted.

### § 75.200 Scope.

This subpart C sets forth requirements for controlling roof, face and ribs, including coal or rock bursts, in underground coal mines. Roof control systems installed prior to the effective date of this subpart are not affected so long as the support system continues to effectively control the roof, face and ribs.

#### § 75.201 Definitions.

Automated temporary roof support (ATRS) system. A device to provide temporary roof support from a location where the equipment operator is protected from roof falls.

Pillar recovery. Any reduction in pillar size during retreat mining.

# § 75.202 Protection from falls of roof, face and ribs.

- (a) The roof, face and ribs of areas where persons work or travel shall be supported or otherwise controlled to protect persons from hazards related to falls of the roof, face or ribs and coal or rock bursts.
- (b) No person shall work or travel under unsupported roof unless in accordance with this subpart.

## § 75.203 Mining methods.

- (a) The method of mining shall not expose any person to hazards caused by excessive widths of rooms, crosscuts and entries, or faulty pillar recovery methods. Pillar dimensions shall be compatible with effective control of the roof, face and ribs and coal or rock bursts.
- (b) A sightline or other method of directional control shall be used to maintain the projected direction of mining in entries, rooms, crosscuts and pillar splits.
- (c) A sidecut shall be started only from an area that is supported in accordance with the roof control plan.
- (d) A working face shall not be mined through into an unsupported area of active workings, except when the unsupported area is inaccessible.
- (e) Additional roof support shall be installed where—
- (1) The width of the opening specified in the roof control plan is exceeded by more than 12 inches; and