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**M. Inspection of Mobile Equipment Parked on Ready Lines**

Many mines have areas where mobile or similar equipment is parked and ready for immediate use. These areas are commonly referred to as “ready lines.” Inspectors must inspect equipment for safety defects which is parked at ready lines or similar areas unless such equipment is tagged or marked out of service. The tag should list the defect(s) and prohibit further use until the defect(s) is corrected.

Out of service equipment can also be located in a designated area posted for that purpose. Equipment tagged or marked out of service in these areas should not be inspected. Some mobile equipment can not be moved to a designated area as described above due to defects making it incapable of such a move. Inspectors should not inspect equipment like this if it is tagged or marked out of service and the defect is noted. However, if no tag or marking exists, it should be inspected if it is safe to conduct such inspection.