

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Coal Mining Act is amended by changing Sections 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05, and 11.07 and by adding Sections 1.26, 1.27, 1.28, 1.29, 1.30, and 1.31 as follows:

(225 ILCS 705/1.26 new)

Sec. 1.26. "State mine rescue station" means a facility maintained by the Department for the sole purpose of responding to and preparing for emergencies in the coal mines of Illinois.

(225 ILCS 705/1.27 new)

Sec. 1.27. "Mine rescue team" means a group of miners trained to serve as emergency responders during a mine emergency.

(225 ILCS 705/1.28 new)

Sec. 1.28. "Mine complex rescue team" means a mine rescue team comprised of individuals from 2 or more operating mines, owned by the same operator, that are within a 5-mile radius of each other when measured portal to portal.

(225 ILCS 705/1.29 new)

Sec. 1.29. "State mine rescue team" means a mine rescue team or mine complex rescue team assigned to a State mine rescue station.

(225 ILCS 705/1.30 new)

Sec. 1.30. "Mine rescue services" means services or work to search for, rescue, or transport a person or persons endangered, trapped, injured, or killed in a mine disaster or emergency situation. "Mine rescue services" includes any firefighting or rehabilitation work in the mine needed to accomplish the goals of the mine rescue services. Any additional services requiring mine rescue team members shall be through an agreement between operators.

(225 ILCS 705/1.31 new)

Sec. 1.31. "Mine rescue station superintendent" means the person or persons charged with the responsibility of supervising State mine rescue station operations.

(225 ILCS 705/11.01) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1101)

Sec. 11.01. State mine ~~Mine~~ rescue stations. For the purpose of providing prompt and efficient means ~~of fighting fires and~~ of saving lives ~~and property~~ jeopardized by fires, explosions or other accidents in coal mines in Illinois, there

shall be constructed, equipped, and maintained at public expense 4 State mine rescue stations, certified by the Mine Safety and Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, to serve the coal fields of the State. Notwithstanding any other law of this State, the primary responsibility for the control and maintenance of the State mine rescue stations shall be vested with the Department. Each station shall be equipped with a mobile mine rescue unit. The Department may establish, equip and maintain 3 ~~three~~ additional substations for preservation of health and safety if the conditions warrant. ~~Temporary certification may be issued by the Mining Board for a maximum of 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.~~

(Source: P.A. 94-1041, eff. 7-24-06.)

(225 ILCS 705/11.02) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1102)

Sec. 11.02. The Department shall provide or purchase or accept as a gift, suitably located sites for the State mine rescue stations, temporary and permanent quarters and suitable equipment and materials for the work. ~~The Department shall further arrange for cooperation in the work with mine owners, miners and State and federal organizations so as to render the service of the utmost efficiency.~~

(Source: Laws 1953, p. 701.)

(225 ILCS 705/11.03) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1103)

Sec. 11.03. State mine ~~Mine~~ rescue station operation. The Department shall employ a State mine rescue station superintendent for each station. The Department is authorized to employ ~~pay for~~ such assistants as may be needed in giving instruction in first aid to the injured and such other assistants as may be needed from time to time to properly carry on the operations ~~work~~ of the State mine rescue stations. Not more than 2 assistants shall be employed for each mobile mine rescue unit.

(Source: P.A. 88-472.)

(225 ILCS 705/11.04) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1104)

Sec. 11.04. The Department shall supervise the operations ~~of work at~~ each of the State mine rescue stations, shall purchase necessary supplies, and shall keep a complete record of all operations and expenditures and an invoice of all supplies on hand. The Department shall provide that at each State mine rescue station some representative shall be on duty or within call at all hours of day and night for each day of the year.

(Source: Laws 1953, p. 701.)

(225 ILCS 705/11.05) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1105)

Sec. 11.05. Whenever the mine rescue station superintendent of any State mine rescue station shall be notified by any responsible person that an explosion or

accident requiring mine rescue ~~his~~ services has occurred at any mine in the State, he shall proceed immediately with suitable equipment and on arrival at the said mine shall superintend the work of the State mine rescue teams ~~corps~~ in saving lives. The mine rescue station superintendent ~~life and property;~~ and he shall cooperate ~~co-operate~~ with the State Mine Inspector, and the management of the mine, and State and federal organizations ~~in rescue work~~ to such extent as is necessary, for the protection of human life in the mine, during such time as members of the State mine rescue teams ~~corps~~ are underground and while there is a reasonable expectation that persons ~~men~~ in the mine may be alive. Recovery operations that are intended solely for the purpose of securing property are not covered by this Section. Additional mine rescue services for the purpose of securing property are the responsibility of the operator of the property.

(Source: Laws 1953, p. 701.)

(225 ILCS 705/11.07)

Sec. 11.07. Mine rescue ~~Rescue~~ teams.

(a) Each coal producing mine must maintain a fully equipped mine rescue team or mine complex rescue team with a responsible person in charge of training and recordkeeping and at least one member trained in the maintenance of the breathing apparatuses. New coal operations are exempt from the

requirements of this subsection for a period of one year commencing from the date that coal is first extracted from the mine.

(b) Mine rescue teams shall be based out of each State mine rescue station to serve the Illinois coal industry as either a primary or secondary responder. Every coal producing mine in the State must assign its mine rescue team or mine complex rescue team to a State mine rescue station and must compensate these employees at their regular rate of pay. The Mining Board shall establish training requirements for mine rescue teams and mine complex rescue teams.

(c) Coal producing mines that maintain a mine rescue station are exempt from providing a mine rescue team or mine complex rescue team to serve the State mine rescue station if:

(1) the State mine rescue station maintains a minimum of 2 mine rescue teams assigned to serve the State mine rescue station; and

(2) the operator of the coal producing mine agrees to assist the State with mine rescue services if an emergency occurs.

(d) All costs incurred in a rescue operation shall be the responsibility of the operator having the emergency event.

~~Rescue teams shall be based out of each mine rescue station to serve the Illinois coal industry as either a primary or secondary responder. Every operator in the State must provide employees to serve on a rescue team and must compensate these~~

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~~employees who are serving as rescue team members at their  
regular rate of pay.~~

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