

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

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

8 (225 ILCS 705/1.26 new)

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

13 (225 ILCS 705/1.27 new)

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

17 (225 ILCS 705/1.28 new)

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

1 (225 ILCS 705/1.29 new)

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

5 (225 ILCS 705/1.30 new)

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

14 (225 ILCS 705/1.31 new)

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

18 (225 ILCS 705/11.01) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1101)

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

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

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

15 (225 ILCS 705/11.02) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1102)

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

23 (Source: Laws 1953, p. 701.)

24 (225 ILCS 705/11.03) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1103)

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

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

11 (225 ILCS 705/11.04) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1104)

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

20 (Source: Laws 1953, p. 701.)

21 (225 ILCS 705/11.05) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1105)

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

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

18 (Source: Laws 1953, p. 701.)

19 (225 ILCS 705/11.07)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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