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General Comment

I have a question or concern about the new workplace exam rule... What methods of hazard communication does MSHA suggest for typical items found on a workplace examination? How does an examiner communicate to all miners what has been found? One difficulty with the wording as stated is that they notify miners "in the area"... what of miners that might be entering the area later? How is that best communicated? Through tags/signs/postings? Should all miners carry these items with them, on every job, so as to communicate hazards found? Is an announcement over a radio sufficient for communicating hazards? How would this be done, in a mine with a half hundred workers going about their exams? Must you communicate all hazards found, or only those you can't abate? For instance, if you find material in a walkway, and clean it up yourself, must you note it, communicate it, or since you abated it immediately, you don't need to? Since MSHA would prefer the inspection be done prior to work, who gets communicated to? Incoming shift workers, not yet in the area? Not yet at work?

I do not wish to play a game of \$10000 per citation "bring me a rock" management with MSHA inspectors, where I create a communication system, train my plant, and then in six months, have an inspector come and say "nope, not good enough", and cite me. So, I create another one, and a year later, another inspector says "not enough communication", and cite me.

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