WEST VIRGINIA CODE CHAPTER 22A ARTICLE 3

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§22A-3-1. Definition.

In this article the term "mine" includes the shafts, slopes, drifts or inclines connected with excavations penetrating clay seams or strata, which excavations are ventilated by one general air current or division thereof, and the surface structures or equipment connected therewith which contribute directly or indirectly to the underground mining of clay.

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§22A-3-2. Clay mine foreman; when to be employed; qualifications; assistants.

In every underground clay mine where five or more persons are employed in a period of twenty-four hours, the operator shall employ a mine foreman who shall be a competent and practical person holding a certificate of competence for said position issued to him or her by the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Ttraining after an examination by such office. In order to receive a certificate of competence qualifying a foreman in an underground clay mine, the applicant shall take an examination prescribed by the Director of the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training, be a citizen of this state, of good moral character and temperate habits, having had at least three years' experience in the underground working of clay mines.

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§22A-3-3. Rules for protection of health and safety of employees.

The Director of the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training may, from time to time, promulgate reasonable rules for the protection of the health and safety of the persons working in or about underground clay mines, to the extent the same are not more onerous or restrictive than the laws of this state intended to safeguard the life and health of persons working in underground coal mines contained in article two of this chapter.

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