

"Authorized Person" means any person commissioned by an official in charge in or at a mine to perform certain prescribed duties under his authority.

"Communication Device" means any device employed to transmit intelligence, instructions or warning to persons not present.

"Crosscut" means a passage driven to connect adjacent parallel entries or rooms. The term is synonymous with "cut-through" and between rooms; when driven wide is synonymous with "break-through".

"Drift" means a horizontal passage-way, or level, or gang-way, driven from the surface outcrop into the coal bed.

"Duty as applied to a Machine or Device", means the particular service in which such machine or device is being employed or intended to be employed.

"Electric Circuit" means all conductors, including ground returns, furnishing energy to or receiving energy from electric apparatus.

"Electric System" means all apparatus and circuits receiving electric energy or that may receive electric energy from a common source. Where the source of power is under control of the mine, such source of power will be so considered as a part of the electric system. If power is obtained from a central station not under control of such mine, the phrase shall refer only to that part of the system which is under control of such mine.

"Entry" means a passage way in a coal bed which is approximately level and is used for haulage, traveling way, or ventilation. In a dipping bed, entries on the strike are known as "levels" or "gangways" and to the dip are known as "slopes".

Excavations and Workings: The term "excavations and workings" includes all the excavated portions of a mine, whether abandoned or being worked; also all underground workings and shafts, tunnels, and other ways and openings, and all such shafts, slopes, tunnels, and other openings in the course of being sunk or driven, together with roads, appliances, machinery and material connected with the same below the surface.

Faces: The term "face" shall mean the advancing breast of a mine working-place, either of an entry or room.

"Gas" is used in the sense ordinarily employed by miners, to mean "fire damp", and inflammable gas, chiefly composed of methane, sometimes accompanied by ethane (C_2H_6) in case of leakage of natural gas, and explosives when mixed with air in certain proportions.

"Gaseous Mine" is one in which methane occurs in the mine atmosphere in such quantities as may become dangerous. If