

BE PERMITTED IN THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE MINE. EVERY PRECAUTION AGAINST AN ACCIDENT SHALL BE TAKEN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 599 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(C) DUTY OF MINE FOREMAN.—THE MINE FOREMAN SHALL SEE THAT EVERY MINE GENERATING EXPLOSIVE GAS IS KEPT FREE OF STANDING GAS IN WORKING PLACES OF ROADWAYS. AN ACCUMULATION OF EXPLOSIVE OR NOXIOUS GAS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM A WORKED OUT OR ABANDONED PORTION OF ANY MINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ITS DISCOVERY UNLESS THE GAS IS SECURELY AND SAFELY SEALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUREAU'S RULES AND REGULATIONS. UNTIL THE GAS HAS BEEN REMOVED, NO PERSON WHO MAY BE ENDANGERED BY ITS PRESENCE AND WHO IS NOT ENGAGED IN REMOVING IT MAY REMAIN IN THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE MINE. THE ENTRANCE TO A WORKED OUT AND ABANDONED PART OF A MINE AND EVERY OTHER DANGEROUS PLACE WHERE GAS MAY ACCUMULATE SHALL BE FENCED OFF PROPERLY WITH A DANGER SIGNAL POSTED ON IT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 600 of the Code. New language is added to require fencing of every dangerous place. The only other changes made are in style.

(D) DUTY OF WORKER.—ANY WORKER IMMEDIATELY SHALL NOTIFY THE MINE FOREMAN IF EXPLOSIVE OR NOXIOUS GAS IS DISCOVERED. THE WORKER SHALL SEE THAT NO GAS BLOWER IS LEFT BURNING WHEN HE LEAVES HIS WORKING PLACE. IF GAS IS IGNITED BY A BLAST OR OTHERWISE, THE EMPLOYEE IMMEDIATELY SHALL EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. IF HE IS UNABLE TO DO SO, HE SHALL NOTIFY THE MINE FOREMAN. A WORKER SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE DISCOVERY OF EXPLOSIVE OR NOXIOUS GAS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 601 of the Code. The reference to "misdemeanor" is proposed for deletion in light of the uniform penalty provision of this title. The only other changes made are in style.

(E) SAFETY LAMPS - NUMBER AND EXAMINATION.—IF SAFETY LAMPS ARE REQUIRED TO BE USED IN ANY MINE, A QUANTITY ONE-FOURTH GREATER THAN THAT WHICH IS BEING USED ALWAYS SHALL BE KEPT ON HAND, READY FOR USE. A COMPETENT PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED TO EXAMINE EACH