

INTENTIONAL FAN STOPPAGE PLAN

Company Name

Mine Name or Number

Date

Mine Index Number

Permission is requested per §45.1.161.216(G) of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia to intentionally stop the fan during idle shifts and days. The following precautions will be implemented when the fan is intentionally stopped:

1. All persons will be out of the mine and accounted for prior to stopping the fan.
2. All underground electrical power circuits will be de-energized and all diesel powered equipment will be shut down prior to stopping the fan.
3. A certified person will place a suitable danger signal at the mine entrance to prevent unauthorized entry while the fan is stopped.
4. The fan will operate for the period specified in the approved Fan Stoppage Plan at normal water gauge and normal methane levels after the fan has been started prior to anyone entering the mine.
5. A systematic examination, as required by §45.1-161.208 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia, will then be conducted by a certified person or persons.
6. If an oxygen deficiency or excessive methane levels are detected during the examination of the mine after an intentional fan stoppage, the examiner will stop and take appropriate corrective actions to improve the air quality or retreat to the surface.
7. After the mine has been examined and reported safe, the danger signal located on the surface may be removed, miners will be permitted underground, and power circuits may be re-energized.
8. It is understood that this Intentional Fan Stoppage Plan is valid for a period of one year from the date indicated on the approval letter. A new Intentional Fan Stoppage Plan will be submitted for review prior to the expiration date of this plan. If a new plan is not submitted, the existing Intentional Fan Stoppage plan will no longer be in effect.
9. The approved intentional fan stoppage plan will be reviewed in detail with all mine personnel and a copy of the plan will be maintained at the mine for review by appropriate personnel.

Company Official