

February 18, 2008

To: All Mine Managers
Inspectors of Mines

**Re: Board of Examiners Clarification, Shift Boss First Aid Requirements
Part 1.13.3 Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British
Columbia (Code)**

There has been some recent confusion with respect to first aid requirements for mines in British Columbia. This memorandum gives direction with respect to these requirements.

1. Part 1.13.3 of the Code states as follows:

The Board of Examiners shall issue a shiftboss, fireboss, or competency certificate when satisfied that the applicant:

(2) *is the holder of a first aid certificate to a standard required by the Board of Examiners*

The Board of examiners met on Friday January 18, 2008, and has determined after deliberation and consultation with first aid experts that shift boss certification in British Columbia shall require completion of:

- St John Ambulance Standard First Aid for Mines and Spinal Immobilization for Mines
- Or
- St John Ambulance Standard First Aid for Industry and Spinal Immobilization for Industry

The course content is identical for both certifications except for the maximum number of students in the class and the expiration period for the certification. This level of certification will require three full days of training. It is our understanding the spinal immobilization training is essentially the same as what is referred to as “the transportation endorsement”. Please find attached the applicable course curriculum.

There will be no requirement for child or infant CPR as this is not part of this certification process.

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2. Industrial First Aid Requirements

Part 3.6.1 of the Code remains unchanged.

The mine manager shall provide and maintain first aid supplies and services as required by the Workers Compensation Board (now WorkSafeBC).

Please consult the WorkSafeBC requirements to determine the level of certification, supplies and facilities that are required on a particular mine site.

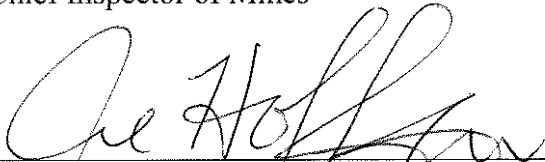
3. Mine Rescue Team First Aid Requirements

A revision to Part 3.7.7 (1) of the Code will be submitted to the Code review committee when it is reconvened to make it identical to the requirements for shift bosses. That is, the requirement for mine rescuers will be upgraded from St. John Standard First Aid to Standard First Aid plus Spinal Immobilization. It is our understanding that most mine rescue teams meet or exceed this training requirement already.

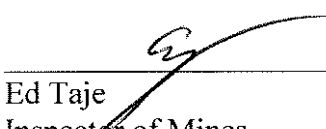
Yours truly,



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