

## § 56.1

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### Subpart A—General

#### § 56.1 Purpose and scope.

This part 56 sets forth mandatory safety and health standards for each surface metal or nonmetal mine, including open pit mines, subject to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. The purpose of these standards is the protection of life, the promotion of health and safety, and the prevention of accidents.

#### § 56.2 Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this part, except in any subpart preceded by a separate set of definitions:

*American Table of Distances* means the current edition of "The American Table of Distances for Storage of Explosives" published by the Institute of Makers of Explosives.

*Approved* means tested and accepted for a specific purpose by a nationally recognized agency.

*Authorized person* means a person approved or assigned by mine management to perform a specific type of duty or duties or to be at a specific location or locations in the mine.

*Barricaded* means obstructed to prevent the passage of persons, vehicles, or flying materials.

*Blasting agent* means any substance classified as a blasting agent by the Department of Transportation in 49 CFR 173.114a (44 FR 31182, May 31, 1979)

which is incorporated by reference. This document is available for inspection at each Metal and Nonmetal Safety and Health District Office of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and may be obtained from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

*Blasting area* means the area near blasting operations in which concussion or flying material can reasonably be expected to cause injury.

*Blasting cap* means a detonator which is initiated by a safety fuse.

*Blasting circuit* means the electrical circuit used to fire one or more electric blasting caps.

*Blasting switch* means a switch used to connect a power source to a blasting circuit.

*Booster* means any unit of explosive or blasting agent used for the purpose of perpetuating or intensifying an initial detonation.

*Capped fuse* means a length of safety fuse to which a blasting cap has been attached.

*Capped primer* means a package or cartridge of explosives which is specifically designed to transmit detonation to other explosives and which contains a detonator.

*Circuit breaker* means a device designed to open and close a circuit by nonautomatic means and to open the circuit automatically on a predetermined overcurrent setting without injury to itself when properly applied within its rating.

*Combustible* means capable of being ignited and consumed by fire.

*Company official* means a member of the company supervisory or technical staff.

*Competent person* means a person having abilities and experience that fully qualify him to perform the duty to which he is assigned.

*Conductor* means a material, usually in the form of a wire, cable, or bus bar, capable of carrying an electric current.

*Delay connector* means a non-electric short interval delay device for use in delaying blasts which are initiated by detonating cord.

*Detonating cord* means a flexible cord containing a solid core of high explosives.

*Detonator* means any device containing a detonating charge that is