

maintained pursuant to §57.5071 or §57.5060(d) to the extent the information pertains to the miner or former miner. The operator must provide the first copy of a requested record at no cost, and any additional copies at reasonable cost.

(4) Whenever an operator ceases to do business, that operator must transfer all records required to be maintained by this part, or a copy thereof, to any successor operator who must maintain them for the required period.

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## Subpart E—Explosives

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### §57.6000 Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this subpart.

*Blasting agent.* Any substance classified as a blasting agent by the Department of Transportation in 49 CFR 173.114a(a). This document is available at any MSHA Metal and Nonmetal Safety and Health district office.

*Detonating cord.* A flexible cord containing a center core of high explosives which may be used to initiate other explosives.

*Detonator.* Any device containing a detonating charge used to initiate an explosive. These devices include electronic detonators, electric or nonelectric instantaneous or delay blasting caps, and delay connectors. The term “detonator” does not include detonating cord. Detonators may be either “Class A” detonators or “Class C” detonators, as classified by the Department of Transportation in 49 CFR 173.53 and 173.100, which is available at any MSHA Metal and Nonmetal Safety and Health district office.

*Explosive.* Any substance classified as an explosive by the Department of Transportation in 49 CFR 173.53, 173.88, and 173.100. This document is available at any MSHA Metal and Nonmetal Safety and Health district office.

*Explosive material.* Explosives, blasting agents, and detonators.

*Flash point.* The minimum temperature at which sufficient vapor is re-

leased by a liquid to form a flammable vapor-air mixture near the surface of the liquid.

*Igniter cord.* A fuse that burns progressively along its length with an external flame at the zone of burning, used for lighting a series of safety fuses in a desired sequence.

*Magazine.* A bullet-resistant, theft-resistant, fire-resistant, weather-resistant, ventilated facility for the storage of explosives and detonators (BATF Type 1 or Type 2 facility).

*Misfire.* The complete or partial failure of explosive material to detonate as planned. The term also is used to describe the explosive material itself that has failed to detonate.

*Primer.* A unit, package, or cartridge of explosives which contains a detonator and is used to initiate other explosives or blasting agents.

*Safety switch.* A switch that provides shunt protection in blasting circuits between the blast site and the switch used to connect a power source to the blasting circuit.

*Slurry.* An explosive material containing substantial portions of a liquid, oxidizers, and fuel, plus a thickener.

*Water gel.* An explosive material containing substantial portions of water, oxidizers, and fuel, plus a cross-linking agent.

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### STORAGE—SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND

#### §57.6100 Separation of stored explosive material.

(a) Detonators shall not be stored in the same magazine with other explosive material.

(b) When stored in the same magazine, blasting agents shall be separated from explosives, safety fuse, and detonating cord to prevent contamination.

#### §57.6101 Areas around explosive material storage facilities.

(a) Areas surrounding storage facilities for explosive material shall be clear of rubbish, brush, dry grass, and trees for 25 feet in all directions, except that live trees 10 feet or taller need not be removed.