

Policy Memorandum No. 2 to Mine Operators

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TO: All Mine Operators and Lignite Energy Council

FROM: Commissioners Wefald, Hagen and Reinbold

SUBJECT: Mine Personnel Accompanying Commission Representatives During Mine Inspections

As required by NDCC 38-14.1-27(2), mine inspections will occur on an irregular basis without prior notice to the permittee or his/her representatives. However, in the interest of proper coordination and communication, the Commission will provide opportunity for a mining company representative to accompany the Commission representative during a mine inspection.

If possible, the mining company should designate a primary and one or more alternate contacts and establish an internal system which allows a contact to be available for accompanying the Commission representative on a mine inspection. It is not the responsibility of the Commission representative to "track down" a contact at the mine site.

The Commission representative will check in at the mine office before conducting an inspection, and will allow at least 15 minutes for a contact to appear for the purpose of accompanying him or her on the inspection. If no contact is available, or if the contact is available for only a part of the inspection, the Commission representative will continue with the mine inspection but will return to the mine office to report any important findings before to leaving the mine.

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