

The Mine Safety and Health Administration has issued an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS). One of the provisions of the Standard requires all underground coal mines to include a review of the emergency evacuation and firefighting plans in effect at the mine as part of the annual refresher training. This training must be completed in the mine's next cycle of annual refresher training starting after December 12, 2002.

Since we have modified the training requirements of Part 48.8 (underground annual refresher training), a training plan revision is required. To assist you with this revision we have developed a training plan addendum, which you can attach to your existing training plan. If you attach this addendum to your existing MSHA-approved training plan, you will not need to submit this plan modification to us for approval. However, if you choose to create your own training plan modification, you will need to submit it to us for approval.

As a reminder, the current standards require you to furnish a copy of any training plan modification to the miners' representative. If a miner's representative is not designated, you must post a copy of the training plan modification on the mine's bulletin board at least 2 weeks before implementing it.

Part 48.8 (Underground) Addendum to Existing Training Plan

Part 48.8 Annual Refresher Training

Part 48.8(b)(4) Roof or ground control, ventilation, emergency evacuation and firefighting plans

Subject: 48.8(b)(4)	Training Methods	Course Materials	Evaluation Method(s)
Review of the emergency evacuation and firefighting plans in effect at the mine	Lecture, discussion, as applicable site tour, audio/video or other	Emergency Evacuation and Firefighting Plan in effect at the mine, other materials, as applicable	Oral and/or written questions or other