

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 template, which you can complete and submit to the appropriate District Manager.

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			

