§ 57.8525  Main fan maintenance.

Main fans shall be maintained according to either the manufacturer’s recommendations or a written periodic schedule adopted by the operator which shall be available at the operation on request of the Secretary or his authorized representative.

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§ 57.8527  Oxygen-deficiency testing.

Flame safety lamps or other suitable devices shall be used to test for acute oxygen deficiency.

§ 57.8528  Unventilated areas.

Unventilated areas shall be sealed, or barricaded and posted against entry.

§ 57.8529  Auxiliary fan systems

When auxiliary fan systems are used, such systems shall minimize recirculation and be maintained to provide ventilation air that effectively sweeps the working places.

§ 57.8531  Construction and maintenance of ventilation doors.

Ventilation doors shall be—
(a) Substantially constructed;
(b) Covered with fire-retardant material, if constructed of wood;
(c) Maintained in good condition;
(d) Self-closing, if manually operated; and
(e) Equipped with audible or visual warning devices, if mechanically operated.

§ 57.8532  Opening and closing ventilation doors.

When ventilation control doors are opened as a part of the normal mining cycle, they shall be closed as soon as possible to re-establish normal ventilation to working places.

§ 57.8534  Shutdown or failure of auxiliary fans.

(a) Auxiliary fans installed and used to ventilate the active workings of the mine shall be operated continuously while persons are underground in the active workings, except for scheduled production-cycle shutdowns or planned or scheduled fan maintenance or fan adjustments where air quality is maintained in compliance with the applicable standards of subpart D of this part, and all persons underground in the affected areas are advised in advance of such scheduled or planned fan shutdowns, maintenance, or adjustments.

(b) In the event of auxiliary fan failure due to malfunction, accident, power failure, or other such unplanned or unscheduled event:
(1) The air quality in the affected active workings shall be tested at least within 2 hours of the discovery of the fan failure, and at least every 4 hours thereafter by a competent person for compliance with the requirements of the applicable standards of subpart D.