

- (vi.) Games shall not be played within the building.
 (vii.) No clothing or boots shall be kept in any change or bath house during any Sunday; such articles if left therein for two successive Sundays may be destroyed by order of the manager.

Sanitary Conveniences.

178. A sufficient supply of suitable sanitary conveniences shall be provided—

- (a.) On the surface, adjacent to the winding-engine house, and at other suitable places convenient for the persons employed.
 (b.) Below ground, at or near the shaft-entrances, and at suitable positions along the main levels or crosscuts approved by the Inspector.

Every sanitary convenience below ground shall have a floor of cement or similar material, and shall have a portable receptacle constructed of metal and provided with a metal cover.

A sufficient supply of sawdust, ashes, or dry earth, or other suitable material, for covering the faces shall be constantly provided in a suitable receptacle at every convenience below ground, and at conveniences (other than water-closets) on the surface.

Every sanitary convenience on the surface shall be under cover and so partitioned off as to secure privacy.

Adequate disinfectant shall be constantly provided at all sanitary conveniences.

All sanitary conveniences shall be placed in such a position as to prevent as far as possible the effluvia from mingling with the intake air.

Every sanitary convenience shall be kept in a cleanly and sanitary condition, and in good repair, and the receptacles of all conveniences below ground shall be emptied and cleaned not less frequently than once in every seven days, and oftener if necessary. The receptacles shall be emptied at the surface.

No person shall relieve his bowels on the surface in proximity to any mine, or in any place below ground, except in one of the conveniences provided in accordance with the foregoing regulations.

Ambulance.

179. In every mine or level in a mine employing more than six men there shall be provided and kept in good condition, ready for immediate use, at a convenient spot, and also in the office at the mine or other convenient place on the surface—

- (a.) A suitably constructed stretcher.
 (b.) A box containing a sufficient supply of splints, bandages, adhesive plaster, boric vaseline, cotton-wool, and tincture of iodine or other suitable antiseptic solution.

The foregoing requirements shall not apply to any mine level or crosscut the conditions of which are so damp as to make it impossible to keep the appliances aforesaid in a good state.

In case of dispute between the manager and workmen as to the possibility of keeping ambulance appliances in a good state, the matter shall be referred to the Inspector, who shall have power to decide the dispute.

180. The manager or other qualified official appointed by him shall every day personally inspect the appliances so provided, and satisfy himself that they are in conformity with the above requirements. There shall be provided and kept in good condition at every mine employing more than fifty persons a suitably constructed ambulance-carriage, unless the mine is so situated that it can be served by suitable public appliances, or unless arrangements are made for a group of mines situate within a circle having a radius of not more than six miles for the joint provision of an ambulance-carriage.

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROSPECTING FOR, PRODUCTION AND STORAGE OF MINERAL OILS AND NATURAL GAS.

Definitions.

181. In this part of these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context,—

- “Apparatus” means electrical apparatus, and includes all apparatus, machines, and fittings in which conductors are used, or of which they form a part:
 “Authorized person” means a competent person appointed in writing by the well-manager to carry out certain duties:
 “Board of Examiners” means the Board of Examiners appointed pursuant to sections 241 and 242 of the Mining Act:
 “Casing” means the pipe commonly used within wells drilled for natural gas or petroleum:

“Circuit” means an electrical circuit forming a system or branch of a system:

“Conductor” means an electrical conductor arranged to be electrically connected to a system:

“Earthed” means connected to the general mass of earth in such manner as will ensure at all times an immediate discharge of electrical energy without danger:

“High pressure” means a pressure in a system normally above 650 volts, but not exceeding 3,000 volts, where the electrical energy is used or supplied:

“Inspector” means an Inspector of Mines appointed under the Mining Act:

“Live” means electrically charged:

“Mining operations” and “mining purposes” mean boring or otherwise prospecting for natural gas, petroleum, or oil, and drilling, operating, or abandoning a well or spring as herein defined or the refinement of oil produced therefrom, and includes—

- (a.) The storing, conveyance, and treatment of any natural gas, petroleum, or oil, or other similar product:
 (b.) The erection, maintenance, and use of machinery and the construction or use of races, dams, channels, tanks, lighters, vessels, pipe-lines, reservoirs, and other works of whatsoever kind connected with any such operations or purposes:
 (c.) The deposit or discharge of debris, refuse, and waste products produced from or consequent on any such operations or purposes:
 (d.) The lawful use of land, watercourses, water, and the doing of all lawful acts incident or conducive to any such purposes or operations:

“Oil” means crude or refined mineral oil and their products, excluding water:

“Open sparking” means sparking which, owing to the lack of adequate provision for preventing the ignition of inflammable gas external to apparatus, would ignite such inflammable gas:

“Pressure” means the difference of electrical potential between any two conductors through which supply of energy is given, or between any part of either conductor and the earth:

“System” means an electrical system in which all conductors and apparatus are electrically connected to a common source of electromotive force:

“Well” means a borehole drilled for the purpose of developing natural gas or petroleum, or a borehole producing natural gas or petroleum:

“Well-manager” means the person having actual control of well operations:

“Well operations” mean drilling, operating, or abandoning such well as hereinbefore defined, or the refinement of oil produced therefrom, or any mining operations:

“Well-operator” means any legally responsible person, persons, firm, partnership, syndicate, corporation, company, or association that drills, operates, or abandons, or purposes to drill, operate, or abandon, such well as hereinbefore defined:

“Workman” includes every person employed in working for wages, or on contract, on or in connection with any well operations:

Workmen.

182. No person under the age of eighteen years of age shall be employed at well operations.

183. Every workman at well operations shall be supplied by the manager or authorized person with a copy of these regulations, and shall be warned by such manager or supervisor of the danger of the ignition of inflammable gas or oil.

184. If more than six persons are employed at one time at any well operations there shall be provided near such operations, and not in the engine-house, boiler-house, or any building in which oil is stored or dealt with, sufficient accommodation for enabling the workmen to conveniently wash themselves and to dry and change their clothing.

Officials.

185. On and after the date of the gazetted of these regulations no person shall be employed to act in the capacity of well-manager and have charge of well operations unless he is the holder of a service permit granted by the Board of Examiners.

186. A service permit shall not be granted unless the applicant satisfies the Board of Examiners that (a) he resides in New Zealand, and that (b) he has had in the aggregate at least three years' practical experience in various capacities