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MONITORING OF METHANE LEVELS IN COAL MINES ACT

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MONITORING OF METHANE LEVELS IN COAL MINES ACT

(Assented to _____, 1992)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1** No person shall operate an underground coal mine that is not monitored according to section 2 of this Act.
- 2** Methane monitoring shall include:
 - (a) fixed location methane detectors placed at locations to be decided upon by representatives of workers and management,
 - (b) personal methane detectors worn by all workers in areas where the representatives of workers and management consider it appropriate,
 - (c) clear audio and video warning systems which:
 - (i) will be triggered automatically when a fixed location detector discovers methane in concentrations in excess of 2 percent, and
 - (ii) can be triggered manually by employees at accessible and clearly locatable stations, when the employee's personal detector indicates methane in concentration in excess of 2 percent.

3 Every underground coal mine shall establish clear and reasonable emergency evacuation and response procedures which are to be followed when methane levels rise above 2 percent.

4 Persons violating this Act shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of up to \$150,000 for each violation.

5 This Act comes into force upon Proclamation.