

# Deviation of

## Section 45.1-161.224.A.1

Company Name	Mine Name or Number
Date	DM Mine Index Number

Mr. M. Randy Moore  
Chief, Division of Mines  
Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy  
Post Office Drawer 900  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219

Dear Mr. Moore:

The above named mine is seeking permission to deviate from criteria outlined in §45.1-161.224.A.1 of the *Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia* that requires permanent stoppings to be maintained up to and including the third open crosscut outby the face. The mine proposes to be permitted to maintain the permanent stoppings up to and including the fourth open crosscut outby the face (allowing three open crosscuts) with the following stipulations:

- A third open crosscut will only be utilized when more than one entry is designated as a return air course.
- A minimum of 18,000 cubic feet per minute of airflow will be maintained in the last open crosscut whenever three open crosscuts exist between the face and the inby end of stopping lines; and
- The mine will comply with §45.1-161.224.A2 and 45.1-161.224.A3 of the *Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia* requiring that permanent stoppings be built and maintained to separate the primary escapeway, belt conveyor haulage ways, and return air courses at all times.

Thank you for your prompt response in this matter.

Sincerely,

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