

Plan to Mine within 200 Feet of a Gas Well
Underground Mine

Company Name

Mine Name or Number

Date

Mine Index Number

1. Operator and Well Information:

Operator Name

Well or Hole Number

Address Line 1

Northing

Address Line 2

Easting

City, State, Zip

Elevation

2. Underground workings of the above named mine will be extended to within 200 feet. of the referenced gas well or vertical ventilation hole (VVH) as shown on the attached map or plat.
3. At no time will mining be closer than _____ feet to the gas well or VVH. The overburden depth at the gas well or VVH is _____ feet and the required solid pillar area is _____ square feet with _____ square feet of additional pillar area.
4. Notice of Intent has been sent by certified mail to the operator of the gas well or VVH as required in the Regulations Governing Vertical Ventilation Holes and Mining near Gas and Oil Wells and §45.1-161.121.C of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia.
5. The Director of the Division of Gas and Oil has been notified at Drawer 159, Lebanon, VA 24266.
6. Return receipts validating notification are attached or will be forwarded when available.

7. The operator of the gas well has the right to object to the proposed mining. Such objections must be filed with the Chief within 10 days of receipt of this notice.
8. An accurate map or plat showing the information required by 4 VAC 25-101-160.B of the Regulations Governing Vertical Ventilation Holes and Mining Near Gas Wells is attached. Such map clearly delineates blocks and pillars of coal to be left unmined.
9. Only mining projections in the attached map or plat are planned for mining. All projections may not necessarily be mined but any additional mining will require the plan to be resubmitted to all parties.
10. The certified map has been reviewed with mine management who concurs with the mine development projections and is familiar with the location of the gas well or VVH that is affected by the planned mine development.
11. The surveyed final location of the gas well or VVH has been compared to the mine coordinate system and relationship between the gas well or VVH and the mine has been determined to be accurate.
12. The deviation of the gas well or VVH has been reviewed and the information considered in developing the proposed mining projections.
13. A certified map showing the location of the gas well or VVH and the proposed mine development projections will be posted in the mine office for review by all employees.
14. Affected mine employees will be trained in the potential hazards associated with mining near the gas well or VVH including a review of §45.1-161.222 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia; “*Actions for excessive methane.*”
15. Affected mine employees will be trained in the content of this plan and the location of the gas well or VVH in relation to mine development.
16. A record of training will be made and kept at the mine for a period of not less than one year. The record will include the name of the person conducting the training and the names of individuals receiving the training.
17. The person with overall responsibility for health and safety at the mine, as identified in the mine license application, is responsible and accountable for the implementation of this plan to mine within 200 feet. of a gas well and ensure that all applicable training is conducted.

Company Official

Title