Annex A

(Editor’s Note: The following text is new and is printed in regular type to enhance readability.)

TITLE 25. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
PART I. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Subpart D. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
ARTICLE IV. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
CHAPTER 208. Underground Coal Mine Safety

GENERAL PROVISIONS

208.71 Reportable Accidents

a. The operator shall notify the Department no later than 15 minutes of discovery of an accident.

b. For the purposes of the definition of “accident” for immediate reporting under Section 109(a)(1), 52 P.S. § 690.1009(a)(1), an unanticipated event is defined and limited to the following:

1. A death of an individual at a mine.

2. An injury to an individual that has a reasonable potential to cause death and/or serious injuries resulting in the injured being admitted to a hospital.

3. An entrapment of an individual at a mine for more than 30 minutes or which has a reasonable potential to cause death or serious injury.

4. An unplanned inundation by a liquid or gas.

5. An unplanned ignition or explosion of gas or dust.

6. An unplanned mine fire not extinguished within ten minutes of discovery.

7. An unplanned ignition or explosion of a blasting agent or an explosive.

8. An unplanned roof fall at or above the anchorage zone in active workings where roof bolts are in use.

9. An unplanned roof or rib fall in active workings that impairs ventilation or impedes passage.

10. A coal or rock outburst that causes withdrawal or miners or which disrupts
regular mining activity for more than one hour.

11. An unstable condition at an impoundment or refuse pile that requires emergency action in order to prevent failure or causes individuals to evacuate the area.

12. Failure of an impoundment or refuse pile.

13. Damage to hoisting equipment in a shaft or slope that endangers an individual or which interferes with use of the equipment for more than 30 minutes.

14. An event at a mine which causes death or bodily injury to an individual not at the mine at the time the event occurs.

15. An interruption to the mine ventilation system that results in withdrawal of personnel from the mine such as a fan stoppage, or an interruption that has the potential to create a hazardous condition such as an air reversal, short circuit or blockage of the air current.

16. An unplanned connection into an adjacent mine, abandoned workings in the same mine or borehole.