

Aggregate Management, Inc. - Surface Workplace Checklist

Location: _____

Audited by: _____ Date: _____

General:

Company has available for review by MSHA

- Mine Map
- Legal ID
- Mine office must be located onsite
- Organizational chart
- Company bulletin Board
- Standard Operating Procedure
- Training Plan for Miners
- Training Records
- Training Record Retention
- Record of Examination of Working Places
- Examination of Working Places Record Retention
- Hazard Communications Program
- Inventory of Hazardous chemicals
- Safety Programs
- Respiratory Program
- Accident, injury and illness Reports
- Accident, Injury, and Illness Report Record Retention
- Accident Investigation Reports, Retention
- Quarterly Employment Reports, Retention
- Mine Firefighting, Emergency, Evacuation Plan
- Firefighting Equipment, Inspection Records
- First Aid / CPR Training & Response
- Boiler Inspection Records
- Emergency Safety Telephone Numbers Posted
- Noise Reports & Reporting
- Continuity Tests

Company has evaluated employee exposure:

- Noise Levels
- Dusts (including fugitive, materials handling, silicate, explosive,
- Production/milling, or wind generated, carried by runoff,
- Residential or wildlife impact.
- Ventilation.
- Oxygen deficient areas, Oxides Exposure

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Appropriate employees have received:

- Surface Inexperienced New Miner Certification
- Surface Experienced Miner Training
- Surface Annual Miner Recertification
- Site-Specific Hazards Training
- Task Training: new/change tasks, procedures, equipment Respiratory Fit Testing and Training
- Annual Hazard Recognition Training
- Mine, Operator, Drillers, Blasters, Constructors workers, Vendors and Visitors have received appropriate training.

The mine operator also has on file, pertinent information for:

- Contractors
- Sub-contractors
- Part 50 requirements carefully coordinated between the mine operator and Contractor. (Accidents, Injuries, Illnesses, Employment).
- the independent contractor has “registered” with the mine operator

And provided the following information in writing:

___ Independent Contractor trade name, business address, telephone number.

___ Description of nature of work to be performed by the independent Contractor and where at the mine the work is to be performed.

___ The Independent Contractor’s MSHA Identification number, if any: and

___ The Independent Contractor’s record of service of citations or other documents involving the independent contractor.

___ Estimated hours worked and number of employees.

___ a copy is on file at the mine site for review by MSHA’s reps’s.

Ground Control and surface Activity

- Ground hazards are taken down or supported before any travel or work commences: posted to prohibited entry: when left unattended, a barrier will be installed.
- Ground conditions are surveyed by supervisor or designated person prior to commencing work as conditions warrant.
- Persons do not work or travel between machinery or equipment and ribs, unless previously tested and secured.
- Rock burst plan understood by miners and implemented properly.

Housekeeping Precautions

- Smoking prohibited in flammable or combustible area.
- Warning signs posted in flammable or combustible area.
- Spilled or leaking flammable liquid removed or controlled.
- Internal combustible engines shut-off before fueling. (Except diesel-powered equipment).
- Combustible waste stored in covered metal containers.
- Waste not allowed to accumulate in large quantities.
- Flammable liquids not used for cleaning.

Combustible waste material not stored/accumulated within 25 feet of

- Electric Substations.
- Unburied flammable storage tanks
- Containers used for storing 60 or more gallons of flammable liquids.
- Dry vegetation.

Firefighting Equipment

- Fire equipment for fighting early stage fires; and
- Fire equipment for fighting fires beyond the early stages; or arrangements with local fire department to fight such fires.
- Fire equipment for size, quantity and proper class of fire.
- Strategically located, accessible, marked and maintained fire equipment in fire-ready condition.

Inspection of Firefighting Equipment

Fire Extinguishers are inspected:

- Once a month - visual check.
- Annual – maintenance checks.
- When needed (manufacturers specs) – hydrostatic testing.
- Recharged or replaced after discharge.

Hydrants, Water Pipes & System Inspections:

- Quarterly visual inspection of water pipes, valves, outlets, hydrants, hoses that are a part of the firefighting systems.
- Annual – fire suppression systems.
- Log kept – person making inspections certify that inspection or
- Certification was made and date completed.

Fire hydrants ready to use; have fittings, hoses, keys, adapters.

Determine if firefighting equipment is available at the following locations:

- On self-propelled equipment.
- Welding and cutting operations.
- Any areas where fire could impede a persons escape route.

Firefighting, Evacuation & Rescue

Company Plan and Records:

- Annual – train miners.
- Immediate – Update miners when plan changes.
- Training records retained for 1 year.
- Plan coordinated with local firefighting organization.

Alarms and Drills:

- Warning fire alarms or systems maintained in operable condition.
- Drills conducted every six months for persons assigned firefighting responsibilities.
- Training records retained for 1 year.

Flammable, combustible Liquids and Gases

Use Restrictions, Storage, Safety

- Flammable liquids are not used for cleaning.
- Solvents not used near open flame or heat source or at conditions for flash point.
- Fixed, unburied, flammable/combustible storage tanks are securely Mounted on fixed foundation. Piping has flexible connections or Special fitting to prevent leaks.
- Safety cans used for small quantities of flammable liquids, properly labeled.
- Oxygen cylinders are not stored with oil or grease.

Storage Facilities

- Tank securely mounted on firm foundation
- Tank strong enough for liquid stored.
- Tank maintained to prevent leaks. Isolated from ignition sources.
- Tank vented to prevent pressure buildup.
- Fittings/hoses compatible and maintained to prevent leaks.
- Storage buildings within 100 ft. of work stations, properly ventilated.
- Constructed of fire- resistant material; equipped with auto suppression or early warning device.

Heat Sources, Fuel Lines & Cylinders

- Heat sources that can produce combustion are separated from combustible materials.
- Fuel lines have valves capable of stopping the flow of fuel at the source. (Except on self-propelled equipment).

Cylinder/manifold valves:

- Closed when moved.
- Closed when torch or hose left when unattended.
- Closed when task or series of tasks completed.
- Gas cylinder valves protected by covers.
- Oxygen/Acetylene cylinder gauges/regulators are free of oil/grease.
- Prevention and action taken to [prevent falling sparks or hot metal from posing a fire hazard.
- Compressed and liquid gas cylinders stored in a safe manner.

Welding

- Fire protection available; suitable precautions have been taken.
- Welding operations in gassy mines.
- Welding operations are shielded and well-ventilated.
- Protective clothing worn when welding, cutting, grinding.

Air Quality & Respirators

- Dust, gas, mist and fume surveys conducted frequently to determine adequacy of control measures.
- Control of exposure to contaminants by prevention or engineered control measures.
- Company respirator program in place.
- Medical evaluations for employees that wear respirators.
- Approved respirators used; and used for purpose intended.
- Attendant and back up rescue respirator used when atmospheres immediately harmful to life.
- Respirators required and used in an area where airborne contaminants exceed permissible levels.
- Signs posted against unauthorized entry in hazardous air quality areas.
- Noise levels have been measured and employees are not exposed to an excess of permissible levels.
- Appropriate hearing protection is available and being used.

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Explosives, Loading, Blasting, Drilling

- Please refer to this section of the regulations in their entirety!

Explosives Equip/Tools; Maintenance

- Please refer to this section of the regulations in their entirety!

Explosives – General Requirements

- Please refer to this section of the regulations in their entirety!

Machinery and Equipment: Loading, Hauling and Dumping

- Rules governing speed, right-of-way, direction of traffic followed.
- Headlights used.
- Warning signs and signals properly placed.
- Operators maintain control of the equipment.
- Operating speeds consistent with conditions or roadway, grades, clearance, visibility, traffic and type of equipment.
- Shop maintenance records are kept for review.
- Defective equipment taken out of service and tagged or place in designated repair area.
- Operators perform pre-shift inspection to determine equipment defects.

Transportation of personnel

Persons are not transported:

- In or on dippers, forks, clamshell, buckets.
- In beds of mobile equipment; unless equipment is equipped with means to prevent accidental unloading.
- On top of loads in mobile equipment.
- Outside cabs, operator stations, and beds of mobile equipment.
- To and from work areas in overcrowded mobile equipment.
- With materials or equipment unless items are small, secured, or can be safely carried by hand without creating a hazard to persons.
- On conveyor, unless conveyor is designed for safe transportation.
- Suspended loads not swung over occupied cabs.
- Miners don't pass under raised equipment such as buckets and booms.
- Truck spotters stand in safe location during loading, dumping or backing up operations and use lights at night, or when conditions warrant, to direct trucks.
- Berms, stock blocks or other suitable devices impede over travel.
- If road is frequently traveled, or for service or maintenance use only, please refer to section (56.9300(d) (1-6).
- Grizzlies, gates, and other sizing devices securely anchored.
- Stockpile and muckpile faces trimmed.

Travelways and Escapeways

- Working from any height requires fall protection.
- Safe access to all work areas.
- Handrails, toeboards, ladders where necessary.
- Fixed ladders securely anchored; 3" toe clearance and project 3' above landing and have land holds.
- Fixed ladders offset and landing every 30'.
- Inclined fixed ladders not inclined backwards.
- Fixed ladders 70 to 90 degrees from horizontal and 30 feet or more in length have backguards, cages or equivalent protection.

Electricity

- Danger signs posted at all major electrical installations.
- Principal power switches are labeled to show what units they control.
- Electrically powered equipment is deenergized and locked-out prior to maintenance or repair.
- Power switches locked out during maintenance to prevent circuits from being energized without the knowledge of person working on them; warning notices posted to alert persons to working being done.
- Dangerous electrical conditions are corrected immediately.
- Portable extension lights have guarding around them.
- Fuses are not removed or replaced by hand in an energized circuit.

Compressed Air and Boilers

- Boilers, pressure vessels, compressed air receivers and unfired pressure vessels meet applicable fed, state and local codes and are inspected and tested by certified inspectors; records available.
- Air receiver tanks equipped with one or more auto pressure relief valves.
- Compressor discharge pipes clean as recommended by manufacturer; no less than once every two years.
- Compressed air is never directed toward a person.

Use of Machinery and Equipment

Operation, Inspection and Defects

- Operation of machinery or equipment is only done by competent persons.
- Pre-shift inspections of self-propelled mobile equipment is conducted by equipment operator.
- Defects reported and equipment tagged and taken out of service.
- Defects on self-propelled equipment that affect safety and not corrected immediately and recorded by mine operator [with date defect recorded and date corrected] and those records are available for inspection by **MSHA** representatives.

Brakes Systems

- Service and emergency braking systems in good working functional condition on equipment.
- Parking brake on self-propelled mobile equipment is capable of holding the equipment with its typical load on the maximum grade it travels.

Machine Guarding, Repair and Maintenance

- Identify moving machinery components: gears; sprockets; chains; drive; head ; tail; and take up pulleys; flywheels; couplings; shafts; sawblades; fan blades/inlets; overhead belts [in case of breakage]; and similar parts that can cause injury.
- Moving components that may cause injury to personnel must be guarded.
- Guards must be of substantial construction and properly maintained.
- Moving machine parts if within 7 feet of walking or working areas/surfaces.
- Repairs or maintenance is not performed until machine is powered off and blocked against motion; except where machinery motion; is necessary to make adjustments.
- Hands are not used to guide belts, chains, ropes, sprockets or drums, unless specifically designed for slow hand feeding.
- Conveyor pulleys are not cleaned while conveyor is in motion.
- Belt dressing not applied manually while belts are in motion, unless aerosol-type dressing is used.
- Drive belts not shifted while in motion unless machines have mechanical shifters.
- Machinery is not lubricated while in motion where a hazard exists, unless equipped with extended fittings or cups.
- Persons do not work on or from a piece of mobile equipment until it is blocked in place securely.

Tools and equipment and their use:

- Unsafe machinery is removed from service immediately.
- Handheld power tools [other than rock drills] are equipped with controls that require constant hand or finger pressure to operate the tools; or are equipped with other equivalent safety defects.
- Tools, equipment, grinding machines operated within manufacturers specs and not used beyond the design capacity intended by the manufacturer where such as may create a hazard to personnel.
- Circular saws and chain saws are not equipped with lock-on device.
- Quick-close air valves provided on pneumatic equipment.

Stationary Grinding Machines [other than special bit grinders] are equipped with:

- Peripheral hoods [less than 90 throat openings] capable of withstanding the force of bursting wheel.
- Adjustable tool rests set and close as practical to the wheel on a stationary grinding machine.
- Safety washers on each side.

Mobile Equipment has:

- No defects affecting safety.
- Not been modified, reducing visibility.
- Cab glass that is safety glass or equivalent, and maintained.
- Forklift trucks, front-end loaders, and bulldozers have substantial canopies necessary to protect the operator.
- Lights on both ends that are operational.
- Properly operating dead man controls.
- ROPS [Rollover Protective Structures] installed and maintained.
- Seatbelts provided, maintained and worn.
- FOPS [Falling Object Protection] provided where hazards exist.
- Audible backup warning devices present, operational and used [if spotters are not used].
- While backing up with an obstructed view without a spotter, an automatic reverse-activated signal alarm sounds.
- Extraneous materials, tools or supplies properly stowed or secured.
- Adequate fire extinguisher/suppression system available.

Work Procedures around equipment:

- Movable parts of mobile equipment is positioned in travel mode or secured when equipment is moved.
- Warning light of flagged used when loads project beyond the sides or more than 4 feet beyond the rear of haulage equipment [other than forklifts].
- Lights, flares or other warning [visible] posted when parked equipment creates a hazard to vehicular traffic. Warning horns or backup alarms [audible] used for service equipment.
- Mobile equipment properly parked.
- Equipment and supplies loaded, transported and unloaded in manner that does not create a hazard to persons from falling or shifting equipment and supplies.
- Persons do not work or travel between machinery, equipment and bank/ribs. Travel is permitted when necessary for persons to dismount, only after tested and secured.

Haul Roads:

- Spillage is not excessive.
- Adequate berms or guards on outer banks of elevated roadways at least mid-axle of the largest self-propelled mobile equipment which usually travels the roadway.
- Water, debris, spilled material removed [when they create a hazard to moving equipment].
- Dust control measures effective.

Safe Operating Practices

- Warning signal given before starting equipment and conveyors when persons could be exposed to hazard.

Slings & Rigging

- Rigging equipment for material handling shall be inspected prior to use...use to ensure that it is safe.
- Defective rigging equipment shall be removed from service...service.
- Employers must ensure that rigging equipment: (i) Has permanently affixed and legible

Repair and Maintenance Practices

- Raised equipment properly blocked during maintenance and repair.
- Electrical power deenergized and locked out during repair.
- Tow bars and safety chains used where practical to moved disabled vehicles.
- Tires deflated prior to attempting service. During deflation procedure, persons stand outside the potential trajectory of the lock ring of a multi-piece wheel rim.
- To prevent injury during tire inflation, a wheel cage or similar restraining device is used that constrains all wheel rim components; or a device that permits person to stand outside potential trajectory area.

Personal Protective Equipment

First Aid Supplies

- Adequate first-aid materials: stretchers, blankets, water.
- Water or neutralizing agents near where chemicals are used, stored, handled.

Check for self-created hazards:

- Hair short or secured to prevent contact with moving parts.
- Jewelry [Rings, bracelets, necklaces, etc.] not worn were they could create a snagging hazard.

Observe clothing:

- No baggy, loose or bulky.
- Not badly worn or frayed.
- Shirts, tucks; cuffs buttoned.
- Flame resistant if necessary for conditions.

Other:

- Hard hats required where falling object may create a hazard.
- Safety glasses, goggles, face shields, when in or around an area of the mine where a hazard exists.
- Ear plugs or muffs used to reduce noise levels.
- Suitable protective foot wear where hazards may occur to the feet.
- Safety belts and lines worn where a danger of falling. Attendant tends the lifeline when using safety belts/lines when bins, tanks, or other dangerous areas entered.
- Protective equipment/clothing is maintained in a sanitary and reliable condition.

Protective Equipment/clothing provided/worn around hazards of:

- Process.
- Environmental.
- Chemical.
- Radiology.
- Mechanical Irritants.
- Welding, cutting, grinding, [goggles, shields, gloves, clothing].
- Water hazards [personal flotation devices, belts, lines].

Storage of materials and supplies

- Material storage doesn't create a tripping or falling-of-material hazard.
- Hazardous materials stored in a safe manner and in appropriate containers.
- Toxic materials plainly labeled.
- Incompatible materials prevented from contact with each other.
- Restricted materials used only in laboratory conditions.

Check hoppers, silos, bins, tanks, surge piles.

- Persons not exposed to entrapment.
- Persons safe from spills and overruns.
- Suitable walkways and passageways provided and used.
- Ladders, platforms, stages provided and used.
- Halt supply and discharge of materials when persons present.
- Equipment locked out. Attended safety lines used.

Handling of Materials:

- Safety lines and attendant provided when working in bins, hoppers, silos, tanks, and surge piles.
- Taglines attached to suspended loads.
- Suitable hitches and slings used when hoisting materials.
- Persons stay clear of and do not ride on suspended loads.
- Materials are not dropped until area clear of personnel and warning given.
- Suitable blocking used to support conveyances at shaft landings before heavy equipment or materials are loaded.

Overhead Crane Operations:

- Bumpers at each end of rail.
- Automatic up travel switches.
- Effective audible warning systems.
- Means to lock-out disconnect switch
- Footwalls. Toeboards and rails installed.

Lift truck operated with:

- Upright tilted back to steady and secure load.
- Load in upgrade position when traveling on grades.
- Load not raised or lowered grades [10%+-].
- Load not raised or lowered in route.
- Load-engaging device downgrade when traveling unloaded on all grades.

Miscellaneous Regulations

- Illumination sufficient to provide safe working conditions.
- Bulbs replaced. Sockets grounded; weatherproof if exposed to weather or wet conditions.

56.18002:

Examinations of workplace by miner and competent person at least once each shift.

Record of examination of workplace kept for 1 year: available for review upon request.

56.18006:

New employees indoctrinated in safety rules and safe work practices.

56.18010:

First aid training made available to all interested employees.

Selected supervisors trained in first aid.

56.18020:

No employee works alone in an area where hazardous conditions prevent the employee from being seen, heard or communicating with others.

Added by District 9 Manager:

Hoisting procedures, wire ropes, signaling, headframes and sheaves, shafts, inspection and maintenance, etc. (see this section in its entirety).

56.20001:

Intoxicating beverages and narcotics are not permitted or used in or around mines. Persons under the influence of such are not permitted on the job.

560002:

Adequate supply of potable drinking water is provided at all active working areas. Potable water outlets are posted.

Mine should have drinking water analysis records on file.

56.20003:

Workplaces, passageways, storerooms, service rooms and floors clean and orderly. Floors are dry and in good repair.

56.20008:

Clean, sanitary toilet facilities provided.

56.20012:

Toxic material is plainly marked or labeled.

56.20013:

Waste receptacles have covers and are emptied frequently.

56.20014:

Persons are not allowed to consume food and beverage in a toilet room or area exposed to hazardous waste.