



Petroleum Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 17

PART I

PETROLEUM

8 Power to inspect plans of mines.

- (1) For the purpose of ascertaining on behalf of [^{F1}the appropriate [^{F2}authority]] the position of the workings, actual and prospective, of any mines or abandoned mines through or near which it is proposed to sink any borehole for the purpose of searching for or getting petroleum, any officer appointed by [^{F1}the appropriate [^{F2}authority]] shall have the same powers with respect to the production and inspection and the taking of copies of relevant documents as may under section 20 of the ^{M1}Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 be exercised by an inspector acting for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1) of that section.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
- (a) “relevant documents” means plans, sections, drawings or other similar documents which, by virtue of paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to that Act of 1974, are required to be kept;
 - (b) “an inspector” means an inspector appointed under section 19 of that Act; and
 - (c) subsections (2) and (3) of section 19 of that Act shall be disregarded.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 8 substituted (9.2.2018) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), **ss. 48(15)**, 72(4)(c); S.I. 2018/163, reg. 2(b)

F2 Word in s. 8(1) substituted (9.2.2018) by [The Petroleum \(Transfer of Functions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/898\)](#), **regs. 1(3)**, **3(8)** (with [reg. 2](#)); S.I. 2018/163, reg. 2(b)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1974 c. 37](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Petroleum Act 1998, Section 8.