

1 Study on the effect of seasonal air temperature on high temperature  
2 environment in deep mines and its prevention technology

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7 **ABSTRACT**

8 Seasonal air and surrounding rock temperature accounts for severe heat damage in  
9 deep mining, which seriously affected safety and efficient production of coal mine.  
10 Especially in summer, the high ground temperature intensifies heat damage at  
11 underground work sites. To study the effect of seasonal air and surrounding rock  
12 temperature on high temperature environment in deep mines, we thus measured the  
13 temperature variations of mine main ventilation circuit and surrounding rock as the  
14 normal production in coal mines. The results show that the underground airflow  
15 temperature is obviously affected by seasonal high temperature, the deeper the distance  
16 from the wellhead to the inlet, the smaller the time lag effect. Furthermore, from the  
17 data analyzed in each measuring point in the return route air temperature, we found that  
18 there is relatively little change and the air temperature in summer increases by 1~3°C.  
19 The heat damage in mines will show a significant seasonal change that affected by depth,  
20 strata heat release and seasonal high temperature. Therefore, the summer temperature  
21 at the roadways and working face are significantly higher than in other seasons. The  
22 distributed optical fiber temperature measurement system was used to measure the

23 distribution of temperature in deep mine working face, and the airflow temperature  
24 variation regularity from inlet to return of working face. The results show that the  
25 temperature field distribution of working face in deep mines gradually increases with  
26 the distance from the roadway ground and the highest temperature reaches up to  
27 40.53°C. According to basic characteristics of the seasonal thermal disaster in deep  
28 mines, a mine cooling process with fully ventilation volume is put forward to eliminate  
29 the heat damage in the summer. A non-power air heat exchanger is designed for the  
30 cooling of the pithead. The heat resistance is 24 ~ 45 Pa, and the average leakage rate  
31 is 8 ~ 9%. As the wellhead is the transport channels and difficult to be closed, the  
32 method of the automatic door locking wellhead is proposed, which combined the main  
33 and auxiliary shaft mouth cooling air chamber and ensure a great cooling effect of the  
34 intake of airflow in the shafts. Through a practical operation in Zhaolou deep coal mine  
35 of Juye mining area, the cooling system can reduce the wind temperature of all the  
36 intake airflow to 10 ~ 15 °C both in main and auxiliary shafts. The air temperature is  
37 dropped on the inlet air route 4 ~ 5 °C, the humidity is dropped 15%, the mining face  
38 supply air temperature is below 26 °C. It can be concluded the technology of full  
39 ventilation volume cooling process has significantly improved the labor production  
40 environment and solved the problem of seasonal high temperature heat hazard in deep  
41 coal mines.