

6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice ("The Department") published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 17, 1996 (61 FR 54222).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Mountain Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-104-C]

Mountain Coal Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR to its West Elk Mine (I.D. No. 05-03672) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use 1,100 feet of 2/0, type SHD-GC cable on continuous miners, 1,000 feet of #2, type GC cable on roof bolters, and 1,000 feet of #2, type SHD-GC cable on auxiliary face fans. The petitioner states that the maximum circuit breaker instantaneous settings for the cables would be 1,500 amperes, 800 amperes and 800 amperes respectively. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-124-C]

Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.313(c)(1) (main mine fan stoppage with persons underground) to its Enlow Fork Mine (I.D. No. 36-07416) located in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to evacuate miners if ventilation is not restored within 15 minutes after a main mine fan stops; to have certified mine examiners remain in the mine or enter the mine to conduct an examination after the fan has operated for at least 15 minutes when the fan is restarted and ventilation is restored; and to have the miners involved in the examination evacuate to the surface until the examination is complete. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would

provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

3. Cannelton Industries, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-125-C]

Cannelton Industries, Inc., 101 Washington Street, E, Charleston, West Virginia 25301 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.362(d)(2) (on-shift examination) to its Mine No. 140 (I.D. No. 46-08502) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use an extendable 20-foot probe to take methane tests. The petitioner has outlined in this petition specific procedures to be followed when using its alternative method. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would be the mandatory standard.

4. Cannelton Industries, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-126-C]

Cannelton Industries, Inc., 101 Washington Street, E, Charleston, West Virginia 25301 has filed petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.362(d)(2) (on-shift examination) to its Stockton Mine (Portal No. 1 and No. 130) (I.D. No. 46-06051) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use an extendable 20-foot probe to take methane tests. The petitioner has outlined in this petition specific procedures to be followed when using its alternative method. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

5. Martin County Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-96-127-C]

Martin County Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 5002, Inez, Kentucky 41224 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.310(a)(2) (installation of main mine fans) to its Pegasus Mine (I.D. No. 15-17330), 1-C Mine (I.D. No. 15-03752), White Cabin Number One Mine (I.D. No. 15-17531), White Cabin Number Two Mine (I.D. No. 15-17787), Pilgrim Mine Number Three (I.D. No. 15-17359), and its Voyager Mine Number Two (I.D. No. 15-17639) all located in Martin County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to implement an audible or visual warning system using technological

redundancies to assure that a main mine fan signal attracts the attention of a responsible person on mining property instead of having a person stationed near the main mine fan; and to have a system that would immediately warn persons underground of a fan stoppage or slow down. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Harman Mining Corporation

[Docket No. M-96-128-C]

Harman Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 260, Maxie, Virginia 24628 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(a)(1) (weekly examination) to its 1-A Mine (I.D. No. 44-06500) located in Buchanan County, Virginia. Due to deterioration of roof and ribs conditions, traveling certain areas of the intake air course would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to establish and maintain two ventilation check points that would be examined each shift by a certified person to be sure that the air is traveling in its proper direction; to record the quantity of air, methane, and oxygen readings; to have adequately supported roof in the area where traveling to the check points; to have the examiner record the date, time, and their initials on a date board and made available to interested parties. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Straight Creek Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-129-C]

Straight Creek Mining, Inc., Box 191, Clairfield, Tennessee 37715 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360(a)(1) (preshift examination) to its Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 40-02353) located in Clairborne County, Tennessee. The petitioner proposes to make a preshift examination within 2½ hours prior to the shift starting and continue the working shift for 8½ hours without an additional preshift examination. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would enhance the safety of the miners.

8. Yellow Creek Corporation

[Docket No. M-96-130-C]

Yellow Creek Corporation, P.O. Box 198, Corbin, Kentucky 40702 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4)(i) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its No.

2 Mine (I.D. No. 15-16510) located in Whitley County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to install two five pound or one ten pound portable chemical fire extinguisher in the operator deck of each Mescher Tractor operated at the mine; to have the fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator; to have the equipment operator inspect each fire extinguisher daily and keep records of the inspections; and to replace the fire extinguisher if found to be defective. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method is based on the safety of the miners involved at the mine.

9. Hut Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-131-C]

Hut Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 194, Siler, Kentucky 40763 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4)(i) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17126) located in Whitley County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to install two five pound or one ten pound portable chemical fire extinguisher in the operator deck of each Mescher Tractor operated at the mine; to have the fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator; to have the equipment operator inspect each fire extinguisher daily and keep records of the inspections; and to replace the fire extinguisher if found to be defective. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method is based on the safety of the miners involved at the mine.

10. Canfield Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-132-C]

Canfield Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 1021, Barbourville, Kentucky 40906 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4)(i) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its No. 3 Mine (I.D. No. 15-14730) located in Knox County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to install two five pound or one ten pound portable chemical fire extinguisher in the operator deck of each Mescher Tractor operated at the mine; to have the fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator; to have the equipment operator inspect each fire extinguisher daily and keep records of the inspections; and to maintain a sufficient number of fire extinguishers at the mine in case a defective fire extinguisher needs to be replaced. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method is based on the safety of the miners involved at the mine.

11. Summit Anthracite, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-133-C]

Summit Anthracite, Inc., RD #1, Box 12-A, Klingerstown, Pennsylvania 17941 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.340 (underground electrical installations) to its Tracey Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-07328) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standards to permit battery charging of the mine's locomotive during idle periods when all miners are out of the mine; and to permit the intake air used to ventilate the charging station located at the No. 1 Chute of the active gangway level to continue through its normal route to the last open crosscut and into the monkey airway (return). The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

12. Canfield Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-134-C]

Canfield Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 1021, Barbourville, Kentucky 40906 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4)(i) (escapeway; bituminous and lignite mines) to its No. 4 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17716) located in Knox County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to install two five pound or one ten pound portable chemical fire extinguisher in the operator deck of each Mescher Tractor operated in the primary escapeway at the mine; to have the fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator; to have the equipment operator inspect each fire extinguisher daily and keep records of the inspections; and to maintain a sufficient number of fire extinguishers at the mine in case a defective fire extinguisher needs to be replaced. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method is based on the safety of the miners involved at the mine.

13. D.J.T. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-135-C]

D.J.T. Coal Company, R.D. #4, Box 358-d, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its D.J.T. Slope (I.D. No. 36-08454) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6 months, as required, and to update maps daily by hand notations. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same

measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

14. D.J.T. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-136-C]

D.J.T. Coal Company, R.D. #4, Box 358-d, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200 (d) and (i) (mine maps) to its D.J.T. Slope (I.D. No. 36-08454) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use cross-sections instead of contour lines through the intake slope, at locations of rock tunnel connections between veins, and at 1,000-foot intervals of advance from the intake slope; and to limit the required mapping of the mine workings above and below to those present within 100 feet of the veins being mined except when veins are interconnected to other veins beyond the 100-foot limit through rock tunnels. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

15. D.J.T. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-137-C]

D.J.T. Coal Company, R.D. #4, Box 358-d, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1) (weekly examination) to its D.J.T. Slope (I.D. No. 36-08454) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Due to hazardous conditions and roof falls, certain areas of the intake haulage slope and primary escapeway cannot be traveled safely. The petitioner proposes to examine the areas from the gunboat/slope car with an alternative air quality evaluation at the section's intake level, and travel and thoroughly examine these areas for hazardous conditions once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

16. D.J.T. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-138-C]

D.J.T. Coal Company, R.D. #4, Box 358-d, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its D.J.T. Slope (I.D. No. 36-08454) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use only portable fire extinguishers to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars and other water storage are not practical. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative

method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

17. D.J.T. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-139-C]

D.J.T. Coal Company, R.D. #4, Box 358-d, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (preshift examination) to its D.J.T. Slope (I.D. No. 36-08454) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to visually examine each seal for physical damage from the slope gunboat during the preshift examination after an air quantity reading is taken in by the intake portal and to test for the quantity and quality of air at the intake air split locations off the slope in the gangway portion of the working sections. The petitioner proposes to physically examine the entire length of the slope once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

18. Drummond Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-96-140-C]

Drummond Company, Inc., P.O. Box 10246, Birmingham, Alabama 35202 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Shoal Creek Mine (I.D. No. 01-02901) located in Jefferson County, Alabama. The petitioner proposes to use two portable fire extinguishers at electrical installations instead of a fire extinguisher and 240 pounds of rock dust. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

19. U.S. Steel Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-141-C]

U.S. Steel Mining Company, P.O. Box 2200, Bessemer, Alabama 35021 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 77.201 (methane content in surface installations) to its Concord Preparation Plant (I.D. No. 01-00329) located in Jefferson County, Alabama. The petitioner proposes to use a closed granular coal handling system at its preparation plant that consists of a series of mechanical flight conveyors that are installed in a closed system and not accessible during operation, to transport coal from a thermal dryer to a closed 400-ton storage bin, and then loaded into pressure-differential railroad cars; to install an atmospheric monitoring system that uses an

aspirating system that samples for various gases at three locations within the coal handling system at all times during operation; to have the monitoring system designed so that a warning would be provided at a manned location whenever the system is operating and designed to initiate certain actions when certain levels of gas is detected within the closed system; and to purge the system by injecting nitrogen in order to keep the levels of oxygen within the system at acceptable levels. The petitioner has outlined in this petition specific procedures to be followed when using the proposed alternative method. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

20. Amax Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-142-C]

Amax Coal Company, P.O. Box 144, Keensburg, Illinois 62852 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.362(d)(2) (on-shift examination) to its Wabash Mine (I.D. No. 11-00877) located in Wabash County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to use an extendable 20-foot probe to take methane tests. The petitioner has outlined in this petition specific procedures to be followed when using its alternative method. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before January 3, 1997. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: November 26, 1996.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY REVIEW COMMISSION

Meeting

AGENCY: National Bankruptcy Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, December 17, 1996; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 18, 1996; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Meeting Room: 2237; located at the corner of Independence Avenue and South Capitol Street, Washington, D.C.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public.

NOTICE: This meeting notice amends the Notice of Public Meeting, FR Doc. 96-29749, published in the Federal Register on Thursday, November 21, 1996, at page 59244. On Tuesday, December 17, 1996, the meeting will now start at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:45 a.m. and on Wednesday, December 18, 1996, the meeting will now end at 3:30 p.m. instead of 2:30 p.m. In addition to the open form for public participation that is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., there will be an open forum for public participation on Wednesday, December 18, 1996, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CONTACT PERSONS FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Contact Susan Jensen-Conklin or Carmelita Pratt at the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, One Columbus Circle, N.E., Suite G-350, Washington, D.C. 20544; Telephone Number: (202) 273-1813.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.