

that application of the standard would diminish the safety of the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same 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 July 25, 1997. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 17, 1997.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

[FR Doc. 97-16665 Filed 6-24-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-43-P

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### **Petition for Modification**

The following party has filed a petition to modify the application of a mandatory safety standard under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

#### **Monterey Coal Company**

[Docket No. M-97-65-C]

Monterey Coal Company, Rural Route 4, Box 235, Carlinville, Illinois 62626 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 11-00726) located in Macoupin County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to mine through oil and gas wells with the longwall system after they have been properly plugged. In addition, the petitioner proposes to mine through plugged oil and gas wells with continuous miners when no barrier can be left during development mining at its No. 1 Mine. The petitioner states that using the proposed alternative method would guarantee equal or better protection to the miners.

#### **Request for Comments**

Persons interested in this petition 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 July 25, 1997. A copy of this petition is available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

**Edward C. Hugler,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

[FR Doc. 97-16666 Filed 6-24-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-43-P

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### **Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health: Request for Nomination of Members**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH): Request for Nomination of Members.

The Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health invites and requests the public to nominate individuals by July 31, 1997, for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health. ACCSH is authorized under section 107(e)(1) of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333) and section 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656). The function of ACCSH is to advise the Assistant Secretary on occupational safety and health standards in the construction industry and policy affecting federally-financed or federally-assisted construction.

ACCSH meets two to four times per year for one or two days per meeting. Some terms will expire on August 15, 1998, and others on August 15, 1999. Any member absent from two consecutive meetings will be replaced for the duration of his or her term.

The five categories of membership and the number of representatives to be appointed in each category are listed below:

- Representatives of employee interests (five).
- Representatives of employer interests (five).
- Representatives of State safety and health agencies (two).
- Representatives qualified by knowledge and experience related to construction safety and health (two). This includes representatives of

professional safety and health groups or standards-producing groups.

- Representatives from, and appointed by, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (not appointed by OSHA).

Nominees must have specific experience and be actively engaged in work related to occupational safety and health in the construction industry. Members (other than representatives of employers and employees) must not have an economic interest in any proposed standard. Nominations for a particular category of membership should come from groups or people within that category.

OSHA requires the particular information listed below. Nominations must include (1) nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, (2) all categories of membership for which the nominee can serve, (3) nominee's involvement in federally-funded or federally-assisted construction, (4) a summary of background, experience and qualifications that makes the nominee well-suited for each of those particular categories of membership, (5) the nominee's date of birth, (6) the nominee's Social Security number, (7) the nominee's current address, (8) the nominee's telephone number, (9) the nominee's fax number (if available), and (10) the nominee's e-mail address (if available). In addition, each nomination must state that the nominee is (11) aware of the nomination, (12) willing to serve, (13) able to attend meetings, and (14) free of apparent conflicts of interest that would preclude unbiased service on ACCSH. Nominations of past or existing members must also include (15) the period of previous appointment(s), (16) a list of all ACCSH and workgroup meetings attended and missed, and (17) a summary of significant contributions made in producing written recommendations to OSHA. The nomination should also include a writing sample authored solely by the nominee and a description of the nominee's oral communications skills.

The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse ACCSH membership. Send nominations no later than July 31, 1997, to Ms. Teresa M.B. Martinez, Department of Labor, OSHA, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-2315, Washington, D.C. 20210. For further information, contact Ms. Martinez at 202-219-6091.

Signed at Washington D.C. this 19th day of June, 1997.

**Greg Watchman,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

[FR Doc. 97-16670 Filed 6-24-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-26-M

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group on Studying the Merits of Defined Contribution vs. Defined Benefit Plans; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group established to Study the Merits of Defined Contribution vs. Defined Benefit Plans With an Emphasis on Small Business Concerns will hold a public meeting on July 17, 1997 in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m., is for Working Group members to take testimony on the trends in the formation of defined benefit plans from the perspective of organized labor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topic concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before July 7, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group on Studying the Merits of Defined Contribution vs. Defined Benefit Plans With an Emphasis on Small Business Concerns should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by July 7, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory

Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before July 7.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 18th day of June, 1997.

**Olena Berg,**

*Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

[FR Doc. 97-16667 6-24-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-29-M

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group Studying Employer Assets In ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held on July 17, 1997 of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group studying Employer Assets in ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. until noon in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, is for Working Group members to continue taking testimony on the topic of employer assets in ERISA employer-sponsored plans. The group will be especially interested in seeking testimony from organizations or persons not in favor of allowing employer securities as significant plan assets of defined contribution plans. The group also hopes to discuss other assets held by the plan such as real estate leased to the plan sponsor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topic concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before July 7, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group on Employer Assets in ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals

with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by July 7, 1997, at the address indicated in this notice. Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before July 7.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 18th day of June, 1997.

**Olena Berg,**

*Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

[FR Doc. 97-16668 Filed 6-24-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-29-M

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group Studying Soft Dollar Arrangements and Commission Recapture; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held July 16 of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group formed to study Soft Dollar Arrangements and Commission Recapture.

The session will take place in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. The purpose of the all-day open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon and from 1:00 p.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m., is for Working Group members to take testimony from members of the financial community discussing their views on soft dollar and directed brokerage practices. Most testimony will be favorable to continuing the current practice with disclosure to clients. Already scheduled to appear is Ronald Machold from the New Jersey Investment Board, who will discuss soft dollar usage in a large internally-managed pension system.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topic concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before July 7, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-