#### **APPENDIX**

[Petitions instituted on 07/20/98]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
34,759 34,760 34,761 34,762	Athens Apparel, Inc (Wkrs)	Tamaqua, PA	07/07/98 07/03/98 06/03/98 07/08/98 06/15/98 07/01/98 06/24/98	Exercise Equipment. Truck Hauling. Jackets, Coats, Outerwear. Saw Blades. Oil Well Pumps. Ladies' Pantyhose. Table Cloths and Napkins. Glass Beverage Bottles.
34,766	B and H, Inc (Wkrs)	Leighton, AL	07/06/98 06/10/98 07/06/98 07/01/98 06/30.98 07/10/98 06/30/98 07/07/98	T-Shirts. Stoneware, Dinnerware. Bicycle Seats. Eye Glass Frames. Casings for Small Ammunition Shells. Gold Mining. Electricity. Laundry Services. Oilwell Services. Laundry and Finishing Service.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

# **Employment and Training Administration**

# Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Acting Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted

investigations pursuant to Section 221 (a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than August 14, 1998.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than August 14, 1998.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 13th day of July, 1998.

#### Grant D. Beale.

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX
[Petitions instituted on 07/13/98]

## APPENDIX—Continued

[Petitions instituted on 07/13/98]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
34,752	Buster Brown (Wrks) Flagg Brass (USWA) Imperial Headwear, Inc (Wrks) Juki Union Special Corp (Wrks) Orion Sales, Inc (Wrks) Grinnell Flow Control (Wrks) Kinney Shoe Corp. (Wkrs)	Stowe, PA	06/26/98 06/23/98 06/15/98 06/30/98 05/29/98	Children's Clothing. Brass Alloy Pipe Fittings. Headwear. Industrial Sewing Machines. Customer Services. Butterfly Valves. Women and Men Shoes.

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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-98-38-C]

Mountain Coal Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380 (d)(4) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its West Elk Mine (I.D. No. 05-03672) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the width of the alternate escapeway in the belt entry to be maintained at a minimum 48 inch width for a distance of about 20 feet on the walkway side at each belt drive, tripper drive, belt brake, belt transfer point, belt splicing table, and belt takeup unit. The petitioner asserts 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.

# 2. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-98-39-C]

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, P.O. Box 719, Helper, Utah 84526 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1909(b)(8) (nonpermissible diesel-powered equipment; design and performance requirements) to its Skyline Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 42–01435), and its Skyline Mine No. 3 (I.D. No. 42–01566) located in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit

the use of a device that traps a column of fluid to hold the brake in the applied position, provided that when this device is used, the wheels shall be blocked against motion through the use of a wheel block on the downgrade side of at least one tire. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 3. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-98-40-C]

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, P.O. Box 719, Helper, Utah 84526 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1913(c)(1) (starting aids) to its Skyline Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 42–01435), and its Skyline Mine No. 3 (I.D. No. 42-01566) located in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit the use of volatile fuel starting aids in areas where permissible equipment is required, provided that continuous methane testing is done before the starting aids are taken into these areas and during the time that the starting aids are in use or are present in these areas. The petitioner states that if greater than 0.1 percent of methane is detected, the starting aids would not be taken into or used in these areas; and that the starting aids would be removed from the areas immediately after use. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

# 4. Island Creek Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-41-C]

Island Creek Coal Company, 1741 Hilltop Road, Morganfield, Kentucky 42437 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Ohio No. 11 Mine (I.D. No. 15–03178) located in Union County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests that Item No. 4 of the Proposed Decision and Order for its previously granted petition be amended to read as follows: "Administrative

controls shall be used to minimize the number and type of pieces of diesel equipment in the mine and to notify miners on the working section(s) when diesel equipment with a rating of 50 horsepower or greater is operating in air currents affecting the section(s) being ventilated with belt air only. All diesel-powered equipment operated in the mine shall be provided with a fire suppression system." The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 5. Joliett Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-42-C]

Joliett Coal Company, 837 East Grand Avenue, Tower City, Pennsylvania 17980 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.332(b)(1) and (b)(2) (working sections and working places) to its No. 3 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08702) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use air passing through inaccessible abandoned workings and additional areas, which is not examined under other mandatory standards and is currently mixing with the air in the intake haulage slope, to ventilate the only active working section; to ensure air quality by sampling intake air during preshift and on-shift examinations; and to suspend mine production when air quality fails to meet specified criteria. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

# 6. Joliett Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-43-C]

Joliett Coal Company, 837 East Grand Avenue, Tower City, Pennsylvania 17980 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.340 (underground electrical installations) to its No. 3 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36–08702) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to charge batteries on the mine's locomotive during idle periods when all