

of low- and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Bowie Mine (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use a portable diesel powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and around the mine following the specific procedures outlined in this petition. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Mettiki Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-98-96-C]

Mettiki Coal Corporation, 293 Table Rock Road, Oakland, Maryland 21550 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Mettiki Mine (I.D. No. 18-00621) located in Garrett County, Maryland. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit provision of two portable fire extinguishers at each temporary electrical installation. The petitioner proposes to store at each temporary electrical installation two multipurpose, dry chemical, portable fire extinguishers, each having at least a minimum capacity of 10 pounds of dry powder. The petitioner states that all portable fire extinguishers would be approved by the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or Factory Research Corporation, and each would have a rating of 2A 10BC or higher. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

8. The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company

[Docket No. M-98-97-C]

The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, PO Box 6518, Englewood, Colorado 80155-6518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(4) (weekly examination) to its Sebree #1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17044) located in Webster County, Kentucky. Due to a rock fall in front of the No. 2 Seal at the No. 7 entry in the North Submain return, examining the area every 7 days would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to examine the inby and outby side of the rock fall at the No. 2 Seal once during each 24 hour period. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

9. Oxbow Mining, Inc.

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

Oxbow Mining, Inc., PO Box 535, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(d)(5) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Sanborn Creek Mine (I.D. No. 05-04452) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow continued usage of the current secondary escapeway as an alternative intake escapeway instead of using the No. 3 Substation Return Airshaft. 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 are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to "comments@msha.gov", or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before December 18, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: November 10, 1998.

Carol J. Jones,

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

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Monday, November 23, 1998 and Tuesday, November 24, 1998 at the Embassy Suite Hotel, 1250 22nd Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 23, and at 9:00 a.m. on November 24.

The Commission will discuss demonstration program for frail elderly, care at the end of life, and its workplan on end-stage renal disease. It will consider beneficiary financial liability, access to care, and two quality issues: informed consumer choice and health

care errors. Finally, it will discuss graduate medical education, the physician fee schedule, and payments to hospital outpatient departments.

Agendas were mailed on Monday, November 9, 1998. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's web sites (WWW.MedPAC.GOV).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006. The telephone number is 202/653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, 202/653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call 202/653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,

Executive Director.

[FR Doc. 98-30770 Filed 11-17-98; 8:45 am]

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

SES Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the names of members of the Performance Review Board for the National Endowment for the Arts. This notice supersedes all previous notices of the PRB membership of the Agency.

DATES: Upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine C. Jefferson, Director of Human Resources, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 627, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 682-5405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sec. 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any response by the senior executive, and make recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following persons have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the National Endowment for the Arts:
Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Senior Deputy
Chairman

Karen K. Christensen, Deputy Chairman
for Grants and Awards
Laurence M. Baden, Deputy Chairman
for Management and Budget
Alfred B. Spellman, Jr., Deputy
Chairman for Guidelines, Panel, and
Council Operations
Richard P. Woodruff, Congressional and
White House Liaison

Leon Williams,

*Acting Director of Human Resources,
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under
the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Pub.
L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science
Foundation (NSF) is required to publish
notice of permits issued under the
Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.
This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office,
Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755,
National Science Foundation, 4201
Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
September 21, 1998, the National
Science Foundation published a notice
in the **Federal Register** of permit
applications received. A permit was
issued on November 5, 1998 to the
following applicant:

Erick Chiang Permit No. 99-012

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

[FR Doc. 98-30866 Filed 11-17-98; 8:45 am]

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of
Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic
Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the
Advisory Committee on Reactor
Safeguards will hold a meeting on
December 3-5, 1998, in Conference
Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike,
Rockville, Maryland. The date of this
meeting was previously published in
the **Federal Register** on Thursday,
November 20, 1997 (62 FR 62079).

Thursday, December 3, 1998

**8:30 A.M.-8:45 A.M.: Opening
Remarks by the ACRS Chairman**
(Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make
opening remarks regarding the conduct
of the meeting.

**8:45 A.M.-10:30 A.M.: NEI Whole
Plant Study and Options to Make 10
CFR Part 50 Risk-Informed** (Open)—The
Committee will hear presentations by
and hold discussions with
representatives of the NRC staff and the
Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding
staff options to make 10 CFR Part 50
risk-informed and NEI Whole Plant
Study to evaluate options for modifying
10 CFR Part 50 requirements.

**10:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.: Proposed
Options to Make 10 CFR 50.59 Risk-
Informed** (Open)—The Committee will
hear presentations by and hold
discussions with representatives of the
NRC staff and NEI regarding staff
options to make 10 CFR 50.59 (Changes,
tests and experiments) risk-informed.

**1:15 P.M.-4:15 P.M.: Integrated
Review of Assessment Processes and
Improvements to the Senior
Management Meeting Process** (Open)—
The Committee will hear presentations
by and hold discussions with
representatives of the NRC staff and NEI
regarding the integrated review of the
assessment processes, improvements to
the Senior Management Meeting
Process, changes to the inspection
program, and related matters.

**4:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of
ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee
will discuss proposed ACRS reports,
including those on the role of
frequency-consequence curves in risk-
informed decisionmaking, NRC Safety
Research Program, and on lessons
learned from the review of the AP600
passive plant design.

Friday, December 4, 1998

**8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening
Remarks by the ACRS Chairman**
(Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make
opening remarks regarding conduct of
the meeting.

**8:35 A.M.-9:00 A.M.: Subcommittee
Report** (Open)—The Committee will
hear a report of the Plant License
Renewal Subcommittee regarding
matters discussed during the November
18, 1998 meeting as well as a proposed
ACRS report on license renewal
activities.

**9:00 A.M.-9:45 A.M.: Report of the
Planning and Procedures Subcommittee**
(Open/Closed)—The Committee will
hear a report of the Planning and
Procedures Subcommittee on matters
related to the conduct of ACRS
business, and organizational and

personnel matters relating to the ACRS,
including status of appointment of a
new member to the ACRS.

[**Note:** A portion of this session may be
closed to discuss organizational and
personnel matters that relate solely to the
internal personnel rules and practices of this
Advisory Committee, and information the
release of which would constitute a clearly
unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

**9:45 A.M.-10:30 A.M.: Future ACRS
Activities** (Open)—The Committee will
discuss the recommendations of the
Planning and Procedures Subcommittee
regarding items proposed for
consideration by the full Committee
during future meetings.

**10:45 A.M.-11:00 A.M.: Reconciliation
of ACRS Comments and
Recommendations** (Open)—The
Committee will discuss the responses
from the NRC Executive Director for
Operations (EDO) to comments and
recommendations included in recent
ACRS reports. The EDO's responses are
expected prior to the meeting.

**11:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.: Election of
Officers for Calendar Year 1999**
(Open)—The Committee will elect a
Chairman and a Vice Chairman to the
ACRS and a Member-at-Large to the
Planning and Procedures Subcommittee.

**1:15 P.M.-2:30 P.M.: Potential Items
for Meeting with the NRC
Commissioners** (Open)—The Committee
will discuss potential items for
discussion during the ACRS meeting
with the commissioners on February 3,
1999. (The commission has not
approved topics for this meeting.)

**2:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of
ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee
will continue its discussion of proposed
ACRS reports.

Saturday, December 5, 1998

**8:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.: Preparation of
ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee
will continue its discussion of proposed
ACRS reports.

2:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.: Miscellaneous
(Open)—The Committee will discuss
matters related to the conduct of
Committee activities and matters and
specific issues that were not completed
during previous meetings, as time and
availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and
participation in ACRS meetings were
published in the **Federal Register** on
September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51968). In
accordance with these procedures, oral
or written views may be presented by
members of the public, including
representatives of the nuclear industry.
Electronic recordings will be permitted
only during the open portions of the
meeting and questions may be asked
only by members of the Committee, its