

workers at the Canton and Wooster plants.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with specialty steel and tapered roller bearings and components, contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of The Timkin Company, Canton, Ohio and Wooster, Ohio. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of The Timkin Company, Canton, Ohio and Wooster, Ohio, engaged in employment related to the production of specialty steel or tapered roller bearings and components, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 2, 1998 through two years from the date of the issuance of this determination, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 13th day of October 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-03420]

Millennium Textiles, Buchanan, Georgia; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), and in accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), an investigation was initiated on September 7, 1999 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Millennium Textiles, Buchanan, Georgia.

In a letter dated October 4, 1999, the petitioner requested that the petition for NAFTA-TAA be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of October 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-03279, 03279A, 03279B, 03279C]

Thomaston Mills, Inc., Thomaston, GA, Zebulon, GA, New York, NY, Los Angeles, CA; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at the Thomaston Mills, Inc., Thomaston, Georgia, Zebulon, Georgia, New York, New York and Los Angeles, California. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

NAFTA-03279; Thomaston Mills, Inc., Thomaston, Georgia

NAFTA-03279A Zebulon, Georgia

NAFTA-03279B New York, New York

NAFTA-03279C Los Angeles, California (October 12, 1999)

Signed at Washington, DC this 13th day of October, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Summary of Decisions Granting in Whole or in Part Petitions for Modification

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of affirmative decisions issued by the Administrators for Coal Mine Safety and Health and Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health on petitions for modification of the application of mandatory safety standards.

SUMMARY: Under section 101 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) may allow the modification of the

application of a mandatory safety standard to a mine if the Secretary determines either that an alternate method exists at a specific mine that will guarantee no less protection for the miners affected than that provided by the standard, or that the application of the standard at a specific mine will result in a diminution of safety to the affected miners.

Final decisions on these petitions are based upon the petitioner's statements, comments and information submitted by interested persons, and where required a field investigation of the conditions at the mine. MSHA, as designee of the Secretary, has granted or partially granted the requests for modification listed below. In some instances, the decisions are conditioned upon compliance with stipulations stated in the decision. The term "FR Notice" appears in the list of affirmative decisions below. The term refers to the **Federal Register** volume and page where MSHA published a notice of the filing of the petition for modification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Petitions and copies of the final decisions are available for examination by the public in the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Contact Barbara Barron at 703-235-1910.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

Carol J. Jones,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

Affirmative Decisions on Petitions for Modification

Docket No.: M-99-005-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 12183.

Petitioner: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1101-8.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use an alternative method of arranging its sprinkler system using a single overhead pipe sprinkler system. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Dugout Canyon Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Dugout Canyon Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-99-008-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 16760.

Petitioner: Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1101-8.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use an alternative method of arranging its sprinkler system using a single overhead pipe sprinkler system. This is considered an acceptable

alternative method for the Big Springs El Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Big Springs El Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-99-009-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 16760.

Petitioner: KenAmerican Resources, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.503.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a spring-loaded device with specific fastening characteristics instead of padlocks to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile powered equipment the batteries serve. The spring-loaded device configuration in lieu of a padlock configuration does not apply to the use of padlocks in controlling accessibility in the lockout and tagout requirements of 30 CFR 75.511. This limited application is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Paradise No. 9 Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Paradise No. 9 Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-99-013-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 16761.

Petitioner: Consolidation Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1002-1(a).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use high-voltage (4,160 volt) cables to supply power to its longwall mining system in by the last open crosscut. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Rend Lake Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Rend Lake Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-99-016-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 23873.

Petitioner: Consolidation Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.804(a).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a high-voltage cable with an internal ground check conductor smaller than No. 10 (A.W.G.) as part of its longwall mining system. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Rend Lake Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Rend Lake Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-99-019-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 23874.

Petitioner: K and B Coal, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.503.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use permanently installed spring-loaded locking devices on its mobile battery-powered machines instead of a padlock to prevent

unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The spring-loaded device configuration in lieu of a padlock configuration does not apply to the use of padlocks in controlling accessibility in the lockout and tagout requirements of 30 CFR 75.511. This limited application is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Mine No. 1, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Mine No. 1 with conditions.

Docket No.: M-99-025-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 25518.

Petitioner: Eighty-Four Mining Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.503.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to increase the maximum lengths of the trailing cables to 900 feet for the mining machine, loading machine, shuttle car, roof bolter, and section ventilation fan. The petitioner also states that the trailing cable would not be smaller than #4 A.W.G. for the section ventilation fan, roof bolting machine, and shuttle cars, smaller than #2 A.W.G. for the loading machine, or smaller than #2/0 A.W.G. for the continuous mining machine. This proposal, as amended by MSHA recommendations, is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Mine 84, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Mine 84 with conditions.

Docket No.: M-98-019-C.

FR Notice: 63 FR 18232.

Petitioner: Energy West Mining Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.350.

Summary of Findings: The Petitioner is operating under a previously granted modification, docket number M-94-166-C, granting the use of belt air in a two entry mining system, as amended. Petitioner requests that the term and condition I.(v) prohibiting the installation of hydraulic fluid pumping stations in the two entry longwall panel be changed. Petitioner had earlier petitioned to use non-Part 36 approved diesel equipment. Petitioner's request regarding the installation of hydraulic fluid pumping stations in the two entry longwall panel has previously been granted. Now, the petition is amended to use non-Part 36 approved diesel equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Trail Mountain Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Trail Mountain Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-98-020-C.

FR Notice: 63 FR 18232.

Petitioner: Energy West Mining Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.352.

Summary of Findings: The Petitioner is operating under a previously granted modification, docket number M-94-167-C to use a belt conveyor in a return aircourse during development of two entry mining systems at the Trail Mountain Mine. Petitioner requests that the term and condition I.(v) prohibiting the installation of hydraulic fluid pumping stations in the two entry longwall panel be changed. Petitioner had earlier petitioned to use non-Part 36 approved diesel equipment. Petitioner's request regarding the installation of hydraulic fluid pumping stations in the two entry longwall panel has previously been granted. Now, the petition is amended to use non-Part 36 approved diesel equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Trail Mountain Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Trail Mountain Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-98-069-C.

FR Notice: 63 FR 45865.

Petitioner: Arclar Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.503.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a locking screw threaded through a steel bracket or a spring-loaded device configuration instead of padlocks to lock battery plugs to machine-mounted battery receptacles on permissible, mobile, battery-powered machines. The allowance of a locking screw or spring-loaded configuration in lieu of a padlock configuration does not apply to padlocks in the lockout and tagout requirements of 30 CFR 75.511. This limited application is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Big Ridge Mine Portal No. 2, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Big Ridge Mine Portal No. 2 with conditions.

Docket No.: M-98-096-C.

FR Notice: 63 FR 64104.

Petitioner: Mettiki Coal Corporation.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to permit provision of two portable fire extinguishers at each temporary electrical installation. Petitioner also 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. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Mettiki Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Mettiki Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-98-104-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 2521.

Petitioner: U.S. Steel Mining Company, LLC.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1002.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use 4,160 volt cables to supply power to permissible longwall equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Gary No. 50 Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Gary No. 50 Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-98-105-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 2521.

Petitioner: Windsor Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to establish evaluation points to monitor the air and gas measurements in the affected area; to maintain the evaluation points in safe conditions; to have a certified person test for methane and the quality and quantity of air at both evaluation points; and to have the person making the examinations and test place their initials, date, and time at the evaluation points and in a book on the surface made available for interested persons. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Windsor Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Windsor Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-98-113-C.

FR Notice: 64 FR 2519.

Petitioner: White County Coal Corporation.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.503.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a spring-loaded device with specific fastening characteristics in lieu of a padlock with its fastening configuration to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile powered equipment the batteries serve. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Pattiki Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Pattiki Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-97-147-C.

FR Notice: 63 FR 5971.

Petitioner: Jim Walter Resources, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to establish evaluation points inby and outby the deteriorating return of the mine, and to have a certified person examine the evaluation points for methane and oxygen concentrations and the volume of air and record the results in a book maintained on the surface of the mine.

This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 3 Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the No. 3 Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-91-003-M.

FR Notice: 56 FR 23941.

Petitioner: Tg Soda Ash, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 57.22305.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a nonpermissible battery-powered drill for drilling holes for surveying spads in the panel face area inby the last open crosscut. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Wyoming Soda Ash Mine, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Wyoming Soda Ash Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-86-020-M.

FR Notice: 52 FR 5217.

Petitioner: Kenneth Utah Copper Corporation.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 56.9300(d).

Summary of Findings: The Petitioner is operating under a previously granted modification, 30 CFR 56.9022. Petitioner requested that a pipeline would be located on the inside edge (e.g., driver's side) of the impoundment roadway, when there is a drop off sufficient for equipment to overturn, to serve as a guide for equipment operators. Petition is amended to install delineators along the perimeter of those areas of the elevated roadway where no pipeline was laid and there was a drop-off sufficient for equipment to overturn. At least three delineators along each elevated shoulder would always be visible to the drivers of vehicles. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the UC Concentrator Plant, with conditions. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the UC Concentrator Plant with conditions.

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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. Clark Elkhorn Coal Company

[Docket No. M-1999-084-c]

Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 2805, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Ratliff Underground Mine (I.D. No. 15-16763) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a spring loaded locking device to secure battery plugs into the machine mounted battery receptacle on mobile battery powered equipment instead of using padlocks. The petitioner asserts that application of the mandatory standard will result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

2. Matrix Coal Company

[Docket No. M-1999-085-C]

Matrix Coal Company, P.O. Box 2805, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Mohawk Underground Mine (I.D. No. 15-18085) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a spring loaded locking device to secure battery plugs into the machine mounted battery receptacle on mobile battery powered equipment instead of using padlocks. The petitioner asserts that application of the mandatory standard will result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will provide at least the same measure of protection as the mandatory standard.

3. Remington Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-1999-086-C]

Remington Coal Company, 430 Harper Park Drive, Suite A, Beckley, West Virginia 25801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Stockburg No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-08634) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a spring loaded locking device to secure battery plugs into machine mounted receptacle on mobile battery powered equipment instead of using padlocks. The petitioner asserts that application of the mandatory standard will result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

4. Goodin Creek Contracting, Inc.

[Docket No. M-1999-087-C]

Goodin Creek Contracting, Inc., Rt. 1, Box 419-A1, Gray, Kentucky 40734 has