

Given the expected number of individuals interested in presenting comments at the meeting, reservations should be made as soon as possible. Persons unable to obtain reservations to speak during the meetings are encouraged to submit written comments, which will be accepted at the meeting site or may be mailed to the Committee at 800 K Street, NW., Ste. 920, Washington, DC 20530.

**Diane M. Stuart,**

*Director, Office on Violence Against Women.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Disaster Unemployment Assistance: Extension of Period for Filing Claims and for the Submission of Documentation

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers Federal law requirements pertaining to Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). These requirements are found in Federal regulations at 20 CFR 625. Due to the devastation created by Hurricane Katrina, ETA, through its Regional Offices, has informed the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi that two filing deadlines for DUA are being extended. The memoranda are being published in the **Federal Register** in order to inform the public.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**Emily Stover Derocco,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

#### September 9, 2005

*Memorandum For:* Helen N. Parker, Regional Administrator, Atlanta. Joseph C. Juarez, Regional Administrator, Dallas.

*From:* Cheryl Atkinson, Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

*Subject:* Extension of 30-day Filing Period for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) for Claims Related to Hurricane Katrina.

Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the filing period for DUA is extended through November 30, 2005. This extension is based on the fact that there is widespread dislocation of workers and damage to the affected areas' infrastructure inflicted by Hurricane Katrina, which will make it difficult for individuals to file within the 30-day filing period. Additional time will afford those individuals a

sufficient opportunity to file a DUA claim. There is good cause under 20 CFR 625.8(a) to extend the filing period for DUA in this situation.

Please advise the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi of this extension. You should also ensure that the agencies work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to release appropriate announcements to the media. Please advise states to use the services of FEMA's Joint Field Offices to issue public service announcements and media releases.

#### September 16, 2005

*Memorandum For:* Helen N. Parker, Regional Administrator, Atlanta. Joseph C. Juarez, Regional Administrator, Dallas.

*From:* Emily Stover Derocco, Assistant Secretary of Labor.

*Subject:* Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)—Extension of Period for Submitting Documentation.

Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the time required for submission of documentation under 20 CFR 625.6(e)(1) is extended. For purposes of Hurricane Katrina, this documentation must be submitted within 90 days calendar days after the filing of the initial application for DUA. This extension is based on the fact that there has been widespread evacuation of workers due to the hurricane. It is unlikely that evacuees who do not have documentation at the time of filing will be able to obtain documentation within the 21-day period specified by the regulation because they will not have access to the appropriate documentation and may have to rely on others to provide this documentation.

More specifically, 20 CFR 625.6(e)(1) provides that when an applicant's weekly DUA amount is based only "on the individual's statement," the individual shall furnish documentation in support of this statement "within 21 calendar days of the filing of the initial application for DUA." As discussed above, for purposes of Hurricane Katrina, this period is extended to within 90 calendar days of filing the initial application.

Please advise the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi of this extension. These states should take appropriate action to notify both future applicants and applicants who were initially unable to supply documentation of this extension.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Labor-Management Standards

RIN 1215-AB52

#### Union Officials: Guidelines for Fiduciary Responsibilities Under Section 501 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, 29 U.S.C. § 501

**AGENCY:** Office of Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for information from the public, extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the period for comments on the Request for Information published on August 29, 2005 (70 FR 51228). The request seeks information from the public to assist the Department in determining whether to issue guidelines concerning the fiduciary obligations of union officers, agents, shop stewards and other representatives under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, as amended (LMRDA), and the content of any such guidelines. The comment period, which was to expire on October 28, 2005, is extended ninety days to January 26, 2006.

**DATES:** Comments on the Request for Information published on August 29, 2005 (70 FR 51228) must be received on or before January 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by RIN 1215-AB52, by any of the following methods:

E-mail: [OLMS-REG-1215-AB52@dol.gov](mailto:OLMS-REG-1215-AB52@dol.gov).

FAX: (202) 693-1340. To assure access to the FAX equipment, only comments of five or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal, unless arrangements are made prior to faxing, by calling the number below and scheduling a time for FAX receipt by the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS).

Mail: Mailed comments should be sent to Kay Oshel, Director of the Office of Policy, Reports and Disclosure, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210. Because the Department continues to experience delays in U.S. mail delivery due to the ongoing concerns involving toxic contamination, commenters should take this into consideration when preparing to meet the deadline for submitting comments.

OLMS recommends that you confirm receipt of your comment by contacting (202) 693-0123 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing impairments may call (800) 877-8339 (TTY/TDD).

Comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kay H. Oshel, Director of the Office of Policy, Reports and Disclosure, at:

Kay H. Oshel, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Office of Labor-Management Standards, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210, [olms-public@dol.gov](mailto:olms-public@dol.gov), (202) 693-1233 (this is not a toll-free number), (800) 877-8339 (TTY/TDD). E-mail: [OLMS-REG-1215-AB52@dol.gov](mailto:OLMS-REG-1215-AB52@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of August 29, 2005 (70 FR 51288), the Department published a request for information from the public. The request seeks information to assist the Department in determining whether to issue guidelines concerning the fiduciary obligations of union officers, agents, shop stewards and other representatives under the LMRDA. The request also asked for comments concerning what specific standards should be included in any such guidelines. Interested persons were invited to submit comments on or before October 28, 2005, 60 days after the publication of the notice. Based on separate requests by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America for additional time to prepare comments, the Department has decided to extend the comment period for an additional ninety days.

The request for information is available on the web site maintained by OLMS at <http://www.olms.dol.gov>. (Anyone who is unable to access this information on the Internet can obtain the information by contacting the Employment Standards Administration at 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5605, Washington, DC 20210, at [olms-mail@dol-esa.gov](mailto:olms-mail@dol-esa.gov), or at (202) 693-0122 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing impairments may call 1-800-877-8339 (TTY/TDD).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of October, 2005.

**Victoria A. Lipnic,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards.*

**Don Todd,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Programs.*

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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 existing safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

##### 1. Big Ridge, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2005-067-C]

Big Ridge, Inc., 420 Long Lane Road, Equality, Illinois 62934 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901 (Protection of low- and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Willow Lake Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 11-03054) located in Saline County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to use a 480-volt, three-phase diesel-powered generator to move equipment throughout the Willow Lake Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 2. Six M Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2005-068-C]

Six M Coal Company, 482 High Road, Ashland, Pennsylvania 17921 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(a)(2) (Quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its No. 1 Slope Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09138) located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of portable fire extinguishers to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars, and other water storage equipped with three 10 quart pails are not practical. The petitioner proposes to use two portable fire extinguishers near the slope bottom and an additional portable fire extinguisher within 500 feet of the working face for equivalent fire protection at the No. 1 Slope Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

### 3. Twentymile Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2005-069-C]

Twentymile Coal Company, Gateway Center, Suite 1340, 401 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.500(d) (Permissible electric equipment) to its Foidel Creek Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 05-03836) located in Routt County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of battery-powered non-permissible surveying equipment in or inby the last open crosscut including in the return airways. The petitioner has listed in this petition for modification specific terms and conditions that will be followed when the proposed alternative method is implemented. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

### 4. Twentymile Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2005-070-C]

Twentymile Coal Company, Gateway Center, Suite 1340, 401 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002(a) (Installation of electric equipment and conductors; permissibility) to its Foidel Creek Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 05-03836) located in Routt County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of battery-powered non-permissible surveying equipment on longwall faces or within 150 feet of pillar workings. The petitioner has listed in this petition for modification specific terms and conditions that will be followed when the proposed alternative method is implemented. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail: [zzMSHA-Comments@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-Comments@dol.gov); Fax: (202) 693-9441; or Regular Mail/ Hand Delivery/Courier: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before November 23, 2005. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.