

reason of LTFV imports of needle bearing wire from Japan. Accordingly, effective February 14, 1997, the Commission instituted antidumping Investigation No. 731-TA-760 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of February 25, 1997 (62 FR 8458). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on March 7, 1997, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on March 28, 1997. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3033 (April 1997) entitled "Needle Bearing Wire from Japan: Investigation No. 731-TA-760 (Preliminary)."

Issued: April 2, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)

In accordance with Department of Justice policy and 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that on March 24, 1997, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Cowles Media Company, et al.*, Civil No. 4-96-958, was lodged in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The Complaint filed by the United States sought to recover costs incurred by the United States pursuant to CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* The Consent Decree requires Defendant City of Brooklyn Park to reimburse the United States in the amount of \$50,000.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments concerning the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station,

Washington, D.C. 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Cowles Media Company, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-1099.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at any of the following offices: (1) The United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, 234 United States Courthouse, 110 S. 4th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401 (contact Assistant United States Attorney Friedrich Seikert); (2) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590 (contact Assistant Regional Counsel Dorothy Attermeyer); and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-624-0892. Copies of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone (202) 624-0892. For a copy of the Consent Decree please enclose a check in the amount of \$4.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) payable to Consent Decree Library.

**Joel M. Gross,**

Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

*Date, time and place:* April 24, 1997, 11:00 am, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S4215-B, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

*Purpose:* The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

*For further information, contact:* Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs Phone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 3rd day of April 1997.

**Andrew J. Samet,**

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Petitions for Modification—Pertains to All Mines

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Petitions for Modification. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- \* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- \* Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- \* Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- \* Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments shall be mailed to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to [psilvey@msha.gov](mailto:psilvey@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at [gfesak@msha.gov](mailto:gfesak@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 811(c), provides that a mine operator or a representative of miners may petition the Secretary to modify the application of a mandatory safety standard. A petition for modification may be granted if the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) determines (1) that an alternative method of achieving the results of the standard exists and that it will guarantee, at all times, no less than the same measure of protection for the miners affected as that afforded by the standard, or (2) that the application of the standard will result in a diminution of safety to the miners affected.

Petitions for Modification must be in writing and contain the petitioner's name and address, the mailing address and mine identification number of the mine or mines affected, the mandatory safety standard to which the petition is directed, a concise statement of the modification requested; a detailed statement of the facts that show the grounds upon which a modification is claimed or warranted; and, if the petitioner is a mine operator, the identity of any representative of miners at the affected mine.

##### II. Current Actions

Each petition for modification must be investigated by MSHA on a mine-by-mine basis and a decision reached on

the merits. A mine operator may only request modification of one mandatory safety standard per petition. However, a mine operator may file a petition for more than one mine by showing that identical issues of law and fact exist for each mine.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Petitions for Modification—Pertains to all mines.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0065.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 44.9, 44.10, and 44.11.

*Total Respondents:* 217 mine operators.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 217.

*Average Time per Response:* 29 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 6,400 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* \$256,000.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

**George M. Fesak,**

*Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.*

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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(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, the Secretary of Labor may modify 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.

Summaries of petitions received by the Secretary appear periodically in the **Federal Register**. Final decisions on these petitions are based upon the petitioner's statements, comments and information submitted by interested persons, and a field investigation of the conditions at the mine. MSHA has granted or partially granted the requests for modification submitted by the petitioners listed below. In some instances, the decisions are conditioned upon compliance with stipulations stated in the decision.

**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: March 24, 1997.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

*Director, Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

##### Affirmative Decisions on Petitions for Modification

*Docket No.:* M-92-096-C.

*FR Notice:* 57 FR 43476.

*Petitioner:* Zeigler Coal Company.

*Reg Affected:* 30 CFR 75.352.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal to ventilate the belt haulage slope with return air and monitor the belt slope with an automatic fire sensor and warning device system considered acceptable alternative method. Granted for the Spartan Mine with conditions for the use of the conveyor belt in the slope portion of the main return.

*Docket No.:* M-92-097-C.

*FR Notice:* 57 FR 43476.

*Petitioner:* Costain Coal, Inc.

*Reg Affected:* 30 CFR 75.350.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal to install a low-level carbon monoxide detection system in all belt entries where a sensor location is identified instead of a monitoring system which identifies each belt flight considered acceptable alternative method. Granted for the Baker Mine with conditions to allow air coursed through conveyor belt entries to be used to ventilate working places.

*Docket No.:* M-93-080-C.

*FR Notice:* 58 FR 39235.

*Petitioner:* Synder Coal Company.

*Reg Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1405

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal to use bar and pin or link and pin couplers on underground haulage equipment instead of automatic couplers considered acceptable