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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. McElroy Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-101-C]

McElroy Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.312(c) to its McElroy Mine (I.D. No. 46-01437) located in Marshall County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the mandatory safety standard to permit the testing of the automatic fan signal device without stopping the fan. The petitioner proposes to test the automatic fan signal device at least every 31 days by manually operating a valve near the fan pressure recording chart reducing the pressure on the water gauge to cause the activation of the fan signal. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Mark P. Shingara Coal

[Docket No. M-97-102-C]

Mark P. Shingara Coal, R.D. #3, Box 79E, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its No. 4 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08527) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative methods of seal construction using wooden materials of moderate size and weight due to the difficulty in accessing previously driven headings and breasts containing inaccessible abandoned workings; to accept a design criteria in the 10 psi range; and to permit the water trap to be installed in the gangway seal and sampling tube in the monkey seal for seals installed in pairs. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

3. Mark P. Shingara Coal

[Docket No. M-97-103-C]

Mark P. Shingara Coal, R.D. #3, Box 79E, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (preshift examination) to its No. 4 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08527) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to visually examine each seal for physical damage from the slope gunboat during the preshift examination after an air quality reading is taken in by the intake portal and to test for the quantity and quality of air at the intake air split locations off the slope in the gangway portion of the working section. The petitioner

proposes to physically examine the entire length of the slope once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

4. Mark P. Shingara Coal

[Docket No. M-97-104-C]

Mark P. Shingara Coal, R.D. #3, Box 79E, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1), (4), and (5) (weekly examination) to its No. 4 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08527) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Due to hazardous conditions and roof falls, certain areas of the intake haulage slope and primary escapeway cannot be traveled safely. The petitioner proposes to examine these areas from the gunboat/slope car with an alternative air quality evaluation at the section's intake level, and travel and thoroughly examine these areas for hazardous conditions once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

5. Mark P. Shingara Coal

[Docket No. M-97-105-C]

Mark P. Shingara Coal, R.D. #3, Box 79E, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its No. 4 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08527) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use only portable fire extinguishers to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars, and other water storage are not practical. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Mark P. Shingara Coal

[Docket No. M-97-106-C]

Mark P. Shingara Coal, R.D. #3, Box 79E, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200 (d) & (i) (mine map) to its No. 4 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08527) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use cross-sections instead of contour lines through the intake slope, at locations of rock tunnel connections between veins, and at 1,000-foot intervals of advance from the intake slope and to limit the required mapping of the mine workings

above and below to those present within 100 feet of the veins being mined except when veins are interconnected to other veins beyond the 100-foot limit through rock tunnel. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Mark P. Shingara Coal

[Docket No. M-97-107-C]

Mark P. Shingara Coal, R.D. #3, Box 79E, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its No. 4 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08527) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6 months, as required, and to update maps daily by hand notations. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

8. Mark P. Shingara Coal

[Docket No. M-97-108-C]

Mark P. Shingara Coal, R.D. #3, Box 79E, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1400 (hoisting equipment; general) to its No. 4 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08527) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use a slope conveyance (gunboat) in transporting persons without installing safety catches or other no less effective devices but instead use increased rope strength/safety factor and secondary safety rope connection in place of such devices. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

9. Oxbow Carbon & Minerals, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-109-C]

Oxbow Carbon Minerals, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.804(a) 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 the use of Anaconda Type SHD+GC, Pirelli Type SHD-Center-GC, Tiger Brand Type SHD-CGC, and other brands of identical construction flame-resistant cables on the high-voltage longwall system(s). The petitioner states that these cables would utilize a flexible No. 16 A.W.G. ground

check conductor for the ground continuity check circuit. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

10. Oxbow Carbon & Minerals, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-110-C]

Oxbow Carbon & Minerals, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Sanborn Creek Mine (I.D. No. 05-04452) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use 2,400 volt cables to power longwall equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

11. Freeman United Coal Mining Company

[Docket No. M-97-111-C]

Freeman United Coal Mining Company, 1999 Wabash Avenue, Suite 200B, Springfield, Illinois 62704-5364 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.332(a) to its Crown III Mine (I.D. No. 11-02632) located in Montgomery County, Illinois. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow one continuous miner on a super section to cleanup while the other continuous miner is loading coal. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

12. USMX of Alaska

[Docket No. M-97-05-M]

USMX of Alaska, 200 Center Court, Anchorage, Alaska 99518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 56.9300(a) (berms or guardrails) to its Illinois Creek Mine (I.D. No. 50-01637) located in Yukon-Koyukuk County, Alaska. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to eliminate the use of berms along the drop-off side of the road. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard by allowing expeditious and effective snow removal from the road in conjunction with a low 25 mile per hour speed limit.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These

comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before November 3, 1997. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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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. White Oak Mining & Construction Co., Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-95-C]

White Oak Mining & Construction Co., Inc., Scofield Route, P.O. Box 60, Helper, Utah 84526 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(4) (weekly examination) to its White Oak No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 42-01279) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner proposes to establish an evaluation point at crosscut 13 and one just outby crosscut No. 15 in the No. 5 entry of the 3rd East Mains. The petitioner alleges that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners assigned to rehabilitate and travel the return entry.

2. Peabody Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-96-C]

Peabody Coal Company, 800 Laidley Tower, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(4) (weekly examination) to its Camp No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-02709) located in Union County, Kentucky. Due to hazardous conditions in the air course entries, traveling certain areas of the air course would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to establish evaluation points inby and outby the seals of the 2nd Panel West of the 1st Submain North of the mine; and to have a certified person examine these 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. The petitioner states 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 will guarantee the same measure of protection afforded the miners by the mandatory standard and will result in no diminution of safety to the miners.

3. CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc.

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

CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75-1101-8 (water sprinkler systems; arrangement of sprinklers) to its Big Springs No. 16 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17957) located in Knott County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a single overhead pipe system with 1/2-inch orifice automatic sprinklers located on 10-foot centers, located to cover 50 feet of fire-resistant belt or 150 feet of non-fire resistant belt, with actuation temperatures between 200 and 230 degrees Fahrenheit and with water pressure equal to or greater than 10 psi; to have the sprinklers located not more than 10 feet apart, so that the discharge of water will extend over the belt drive, belt take-up, electrical control, and gear reducing unit. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will guarantee the same measure of protection afforded the miners by the mandatory standard and will result in no diminution of safety to the miners.

4. Eastern Associated Coal Corporation

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

Eastern Associated Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Harris No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01271) located in Boone County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage cables (2400 volt) inby the last open crosscut at the longwall working sections. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will guarantee the same measure of protection afforded the miners by the mandatory standard and will result in no diminution of safety to the miners.

5. Lodestar Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-99-C]

Lodestar Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 448, Clay, Kentucky 42404 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment) to its Baker Mine (I.D. No. 15-14492) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a spring-loaded device with specific fastening characteristics instead of a padlock to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile powered equipment to prevent accidental separation of the battery plugs from their receptacles during normal operation of the battery equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will guarantee the same measure of protection afforded the miners by the mandatory standard and will result in no diminution of safety to the miners.

6. Eastern Associated Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-97-100-C]

Eastern Associated Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Federal No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01456) located in Monongalia County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests that the Proposed Decision and Order (PDO) for its previously granted petition be amended, docket number M-92-01-C. The petitioner requests that paragraph 28 of the PDO be amended to provide at least one escapeway on the tailgate side of the longwall face. The petitioner asserts that the requested amendment would not result a diminution of safety to the miners.

Request for Comments

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