

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of current information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Guarantee of Payment.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-510. Office of Detention and Deportation, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Section 253 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) provides that the master or agent of a vessel or aircraft shall guarantee payment for expenses incurred for an alien crewman who arrived in the United States and is afflicted with any disease or illness mentioned in Section 255 of the Act.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100 respondents at .083 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 8 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required during the first 60 days of this same regular review period contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

*Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.*

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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. Mountain Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-117-C]

Mountain Coal Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1906(e) and (f) (transport of diesel fuel) to its West Elk Mine (I.D. No. 05-03672) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use 1700 gallons of diesel fuel that would be transported at one time on a diesel fuel transportation unit with the tank permanently fixed to the unit, with a total capacity no greater than 1700 gallons of diesel fuel. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

##### 2. Arch of Kentucky

[Docket No. M-97-118-C]

Arch of Kentucky, P.O. Box 787, Lynch, Kentucky 40855 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360(b)(9) (preshift examination) to its 37 Mine (I.D. No. 15-04670) located in Harlan County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a variance for three different isolated locations involving dewatering pumps and the associated electrics located at the 95 and 96 Crosscuts—Main Track Heading, the 150 Crosscut—Main Track Heading, and the 34 Crosscut L-14. The petitioner proposes to have the electrical installations ventilated by a separate intake split of air that would be ventilated directly into the return where no employees regularly work in the vicinity or by the electrical installations; to install a carbon monoxide detection sensor at each location that would be monitored at all times while employees are underground and to implement the preshift requirement in the event the carbon monoxide system becomes inoperative, until the system is repaired; and to inspect the electrical installations for hazardous conditions on a weekly basis. The petitioner states that the excessive travel to the three locations specified in this petition would result in a diminution of safety because the fireboss is traveling alone each shift for long distances to remote areas of the mine.

##### 3. The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company

[Docket No. M-97-119-C]

The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, P.O. Box 6518, Englewood, Colorado 80155-6518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Sebree #1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17044) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a variance to allow the use of a spring-loaded device with specific fastening characteristics with its fastening configuration to secure plugs and electrical-type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile-powered equipment, which the batteries serve, instead of using a padlock. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

##### 4. Island Creek Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-120-C]

Island Creek Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1905-1(g) (diesel fuel piping system) to its Ohio No. 11 Mine (I.D. No. 15-03178) located in Union County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a variance to permit the transportation of diesel fuel from a surface diesel fuel oil storage tank directly into the fuel tank of individual units of underground diesel equipment. The petitioner has listed specific procedures in this petition for implementing its alternative method of transporting fuel from the surface to underground diesel equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

##### 5. Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-121-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 Ridge No. 8 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17972) located in Floyd County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a variance to permit the use of a single line of automatic sprinklers for its fire protection system on main and secondary belt conveyors. 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 to 230 degrees Fahrenheit, and with water pressure equal to or greater than 10 psi; to locate the sprinklers 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; to conduct a test using the specific procedures outlined in this petition during the installation of each new system, during any subsequent repair or replacement of any critical part, and annually to ensure proper operation. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 6. Consolidation Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-122-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Blacksville No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01968), Humphrey No. 7 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01453), and Loveridge No. 22 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01433) all located in Monongalia County, West Virginia; to its Dilworth Mine (I.D. No. 36-04281) located in Greene County, Pennsylvania; and its Robinson Run No. 95 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01318) located in Harrison County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use fire resistant hydraulic fluid instead of fire suppression on mobile equipment operated in the primary escapeway. The petitioner proposes to operate mobile equipment in a primary escapeway using fire resistant fluid, and to equip such equipment with a 20 pound dry chemical fire extinguisher; to have a qualified person examine batteries, electrical cables and brake equipment on a weekly basis; to maintain dry chemical fire extinguishers on the mobile equipment operated in the primary escapeway in usable and operative condition; to instruct mobile equipment operators to conduct a pre-operational check of the equipment prior to operation in the primary escapeway; and to instruct mobile equipment operators on an annual basis on the fire-fighting plan, the use of dry chemical fire extinguishers, and the requirements of any decision and order issued on 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. Del Rio, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-123-C]

Del Rio, Inc., P.O. Box 2218, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1405 (automatic couplers) to its Mine DR #7 (I.D. No. 15-17607), and its Mine DR #8 (I.D. No. 15-17951) both located in Bell County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a 9 foot steel tongue to couple the motor to the flatcar instead of using automatic couplers. The petitioner states that due to mining heights, flatcars instead of regular supply cars are being used in their mine to haul supplies. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 8. BR&D Enterprises, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-124-C]

BR&D Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 2218, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1405 (automatic couplers) to its Mine BR&D #1, (I.D. No. 15-17907), and its Mine BR&D #2 (I.D. No. 15-17908) both located in Bell County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a 9 foot steel tongue to couple the motor to the flatcar instead of using automatic couplers. The petitioner states that due to mining heights, flatcars instead of regular supply cars are being used in their mine to haul supplies. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 9. Island Creek Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-125-C]

Island Creek Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Ohio No. 11 Mine (I.D. No. 15-03178) located in Union County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a spring-loaded metal locking device instead of padlocks to secure battery charging plugs to machine-mounted battery receptacles on permissible, mobile, battery-powered scoop cars. The petitioner has outlined in this petition specific procedures for implementation of its alternative method of using a spring-loaded locking device. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 10. Bass Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-126-C]

Bass Energy, Inc. P.O. Box 206, Bruceton Mills, West Virginia 26525 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(d)(4)(i) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 46-01162) located in Upshur County, West Virginia. Due to adverse roof conditions along the beltlines, the petitioner has installed additional roof support to protect the affected areas which has caused the walkway to be narrowed down to less than four feet at specific beltline locations. The petitioner states that where possible, the escapeway has been re-routed to another entry with common air and properly marked, start-stop switches have been installed inby and outby where individuals would have to cross the beltline, and that close clearance signs have been posted to caution individuals of the narrow walkway. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 11. Genwal Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-127-C]

Genwal Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 1420, 195 North 100 West, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1101-8 (water sprinkler systems; arrangement of sprinklers) to its Crandall Canyon Mine (I.D. No. 42-01715) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests a variance to permit the use of a water sprinkler system with a single overhead pipe system and automatic sprinklers located not more than 10 feet apart so that the water discharged from the sprinklers will cover 50 feet of fire resistant belt, or 150 feet of non-fire resistant belt adjacent to the belt drive; and to permit automatic sprinklers to be located not more than 10 feet apart so that water discharged from the sprinkler(s) will cover the drive motor(s), belt take-up electrical controls, and gear reducing unit for each belt drive. The petitioner proposes to conduct a functional test to ensure proper operation during the installation of each new system and during subsequent repair or replacement of any critical part; and to submit to the District Manager proposed revisions to their Part 48 training plan that would specify initial and refresher training for compliance to this petition. 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 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 January 2, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

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

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (97-165)]

**NASA Advisory Council; Meeting.**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council.

**DATES:** Tuesday, December 16, 1997, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 17, 1997, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Headquarters, Room 9H40, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Anne L. Accola, Code Z, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-2096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Space Science Enterprise Overview
- Technology Development in the Space Science Enterprise
- Earth Science Enterprise Overview
- NRC Report on Space Shuttle Meteoroid/Debris Risk Management

- Astrobiology
- Student Opportunities for Access to Space
- Faster, Better, Cheaper
- Committee and Task Force Reports
- Discussion of Findings and Recommendations

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

**Alan M. Ladwig,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy and Plans, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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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 Act of 1978, Public Law 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 October 27, 1997, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on November 24, 1997 to the following applicants:

Alexandra C. Brown and Maria Uhle—Permit No. 98-016

Philip R. Kyle—Permit No. 98-018

Gary Miller—Permit No. 98-019

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications by December 31st. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1033.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The application received is as follows: