

establish areas which need relief drilling. Title 30, Section 57.3461 requires operators of underground metal and nonmetal mines to develop a rock burst control plan within 90 days after a rock burst has been experienced.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Rock Burst Control Plans. 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 may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act submission (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice for a hard copy.

III. Current Actions

This information collection needs to be extended to provide for the protection of miners from entrapment, death, or serious physical harm in metal and nonmetal underground mines with a history of rock bursts.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Rock Burst Control Plans.

OMB Number: 1219-0097.

Recordkeeping: The control plan must be maintained at all times and updated as conditions warrant.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 57.3461.

Total Respondents: 2.

Total Responses: 2.

Average Time per Response: 12 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Operating and Maintenance Costs: \$0.

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: October 26, 2001.

Gordon J. Burke, Jr.,

Director, Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-1-89]

Intertek Testing Services, NA, Inc., Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of Intertek Testing Services, NA, Inc., for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of this application.

DATES: Comments submitted by interested parties, or any request for extension of the time to comment, must be received no later than November 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments concerning this notice to: Docket Office, Docket NRTL1-89, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648. Submit request for extensions concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3653, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical

Programs and Coordination Activities at the above address, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that Intertek Testing Services, NA, Inc. (ITSNA), has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). ITSNA's expansion request covers the use of an additional testing site. OSHA's current scope of recognition for ITSNA may be found in the following informational web page: <http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/otpcanrtl/its.html>.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in section 1910.7 of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products "properly certified" by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition or for expansion or renewal of this recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on an application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of this scope.

The most recent notices published by OSHA for ITSNA's recognition covered its renewal of recognition, which OSHA announced on December 17, 1998 (63 FR 69676) and granted on May 29, 2001 (66 FR 29178). In the May notice, we briefly explain the lapse in time between the two notices. Generally, the period between the two notices is about 1 to 2 months.

The current address of the ITSNA testing facilities already recognized by OSHA are:

ITSNA Antioch, 2200 Wymore Way,
Antioch, California 94509
ITSNA Atlanta, 1950 Evergreen Blvd.,
Suite 100, Duluth, Georgia 30096
ITSNA Boxborough, 70 Codman Hill
Road, Boxborough, Massachusetts
01719

ITSNA Cortland, 3933 U.S. Route 11,
Cortland, New York 13045
ITSNA Los Angeles, 27611 LaPaz Road,
Suite C, Laguna Niguel, California
92677
ITSNA Madison, 8431 Murphy Drive,
Middleton, Wisconsin 53562
ITSNA Minneapolis, 7250 Hudson
Blvd., Suite 100, Oakdale, Minnesota
55128
ITSNA San Francisco, 1365 Adams
Court, Menlo Park, CA 94025
ITSNA Totowa, 40 Commerce Way, Unit
B, Totowa, New Jersey 07512
ITSNA Vancouver, 211 Schoolhouse
Street, Coquitlam, British Columbia,
V3K 4X9 Canada
ITSNA Hong Kong, 2/F., Garment
Centre, 576 Castle Peak Road,
Kowloon, Hong Kong
ITSNA Taiwan, 14/F., Huei Fung
Building, 27, Chung Shan North Road,
Sec. 3, Taipei 10451, Taiwan
The current address of the additional
ITSNA testing site covered by the
expansion application is: Intertek
Testing Services NA Sweden AB, Box
1103, S-164 122, Kista, Stockholm,
Sweden.

General Background on the Application

ITSNA has submitted an application, dated February 25, 1997 (see Exhibit 35), to expand its recognition to include a site located in Stockholm, Sweden. The NRTL Program staff reviewed the application and determined that it was acceptable based on the guidelines that were then in effect. However, the program staff deferred further consideration of the application primarily due to processing of other requests submitted by ITSNA for expansion and renewal of its recognition, which were pending at the time the application was received. As explained in prior **Federal Register** notices, most recently a notice published on May 29, 2001 (66 FR 29178), consideration of those other requests had been deferred until December 1996.

The program staff resumed processing of the application for recognition of the Stockholm facility in June 1998, and the staff performed an on-site review (assessment) of the facility on September 24–25, 1998. In the on-site review report (see Exhibit 36), the program staff recommended a “positive finding,” which means a positive recommendation on the recognition to the Assistant Secretary. However, the Agency further delayed processing of the application in January 1999 pending resolution of certain requests made by ITSNA, which also affected the other requests by ITSNA for expansion and for renewal of its recognition. In April

2000, ITSNA submitted information pertinent to its other requests and to its application for the Stockholm site and submitted additional information pertinent to the application in July 2001. The NRTL Program staff has reviewed the information and determined that OSHA may proceed with processing the application for the Stockholm site.

The application contains sufficient information demonstrating the testing capabilities of the Stockholm site listed above. The additional information list the personnel to be devoted to testing for ITSNA’s NRTL operations and shows that the site listed above is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITSNA. OSHA’s recognition of the additional site would not be limited to any particular test standards. However, recognition of this site would be limited to performing product testing only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for which OSHA has recognized ITSNA. This treatment is consistent with the recognition that OSHA has granted to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites. The Agency would not recognize the site to issue certifications under ITSNA’s operations as an NRTL. Currently, ITSNA issues such certifications only at specific sites listed above, and OSHA must review and accept the Stockholm site before ITSNA issues certifications there. In addition, OSHA would permit the site to use of all eight of the “supplemental” programs. OSHA has already recognized ITSNA for these programs and, as a result, we are not listing them again in this notice, but merely providing this information as a matter of public interest.

OSHA has described the “supplemental” programs referred to above in a March 9, 1995 **Federal Register** notice (60 FR 12980, 3/9/95). This notice described nine (9) programs and procedures (collectively, programs), eight of which (the “supplemental programs”) an NRTL may use to control, audit, and accept the data relied upon for product certification. Such data is not normally generated at the NRTL’s facility or by NRTL personnel. The notice also includes the criteria for the use by the NRTL of these eight, or supplemental, programs. An NRTL’s initial recognition will always include the first or basic program, which requires that all product testing and evaluation be performed in-house by the NRTL that will certify the product.

OSHA developed the programs to limit how an NRTL may perform certain aspects of its work and to permit the activities covered under the programs

only when the NRTL meets certain criteria. In this sense, they are special conditions that the Agency places on an NRTL’s recognition. OSHA does not consider these programs in determining whether an NRTL meets the requirements for recognition under 29 CFR 1910.7. However, these programs help to define the scope of that recognition.

Existing Conditions

Currently, OSHA imposes the following conditions on its recognition of ITSNA as an NRTL. These conditions would apply also to the recognition of the Stockholm site. As mentioned in previous notices, these conditions apply solely to ITSNA’s operations as an NRTL, and are in addition to any other condition that OSHA normally imposes in its recognition of an organization as an NRTL. These conditions are listed in this notice mainly for information.

(1) ITSNA may perform safety testing for hazardous location products only at the specific ITSNA sites that OSHA has recognized, and that have been pre-qualified for such testing by the ITSNA Chief Engineer. In addition, all safety test reports for hazardous location products must undergo a documented review and approval at the Cortland testing facility by a test engineer qualified in hazardous location safety testing, prior to ITSNA’s initial or continued authorization of the certifications covered by these reports.

(2) ITSNA may not test and certify any products for a client that is a manufacturer or vendor that is either owned in excess of 2% by ITSNA or affiliated organizationally with ITSNA, including Compliance Design.

Preliminary Finding

ITSNA has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. As previously mentioned, in connection with the request, OSHA has performed an on-site review (evaluation) of the ITSNA Stockholm, Sweden, facility (site). ITSNA has addressed the discrepancies noted by the assessors following the review, and the assessors included the resolution in the on-site review reports (see Exhibit 36).

Following a review of the application file, the on-site review report, and other pertinent information, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA can grant to ITSNA the expansion of recognition for the Stockholm, Sweden, site listed above, subject to the conditions as noted. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendations of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that Intertek Testing Services, NA, Inc., can meet the requirements as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for the expansion of recognition, subject to the above conditions. This preliminary finding, however, does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the applications for ITSNA.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether ITSNA has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (see **ADDRESSES**), no later than the last date for comments (see "DATES" above). You may obtain or review copies of ITSNA's application, the on-site review report, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL1-89, the permanent record of public information on ITSNA's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments and, after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant ITSNA's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion, and in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, DC this 22d day of October, 2001.

John L. Henshaw,
Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 01-138]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC); 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 an open meeting of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC).

DATES: Tuesday, November 6, 2001, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Philip Cleary, Code IC, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001, 202/358-4461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is to review and discuss the report of the International Space Station Management and Cost Evaluation (IMCE) Task Force. After the IMCE Task Force presents its findings and recommendations, the NASA Administrator will provide his comments to the report. The meeting will conclude with deliberation of the report by the NAC.

The planned release date of the IMCE Task Force report is November 2, 2001. A copy of the report may be obtained by contacting Mr. Daniel Hedin, Code ML, 202/358-1691, or by accessing <ftp://ftp.hq.nasa.gov/pub/pao/reports/2001/imce.pdf>.

Exceptional circumstances require that this meeting be held on November 6, 2001. A congressional hearing regarding this report is expected in early November 2001, and it is appropriate for the NAC to receive and discuss the results of the IMCE Task Force prior to any formal congressional review. Review and discussion by the NAC at this time, with the opportunity for members of the public to participate, will allow consideration of appropriate actions in response to the findings and recommendations in a timely manner for submission with the Agency's Fiscal Year 2003 budget request.

Following the meeting on November 6, 2001, the NAC will continue to consider the IMCE Task Force report at its next meeting, planned for early December 2001. Due to increased security measures at NASA Headquarters, please contact Ms. Kathy Dakon at 202/358-0732 if you plan to attend the meeting. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register and will require escort within the NASA Headquarters building.

Beth M. McCormick,
Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend a Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request approval of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 31, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

Comments: Written comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; or (d) ways to 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8