

Docket No.: M-95-20-C.
FR Notice: 59 FR 11682.
Petitioner: Eighty-Four Mining Company.

Reg Affected: 30 CFR 75.1002.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal to use high-voltage (4,160 volts) cables in by the last open crosscut to supply power to longwall face equipment considered acceptable alternative method. Granted with conditions at the Mine No. 84. Petitioner's Application for Relief to Give Effect to the Proposal Decision and Order granted.

Docket No.: M-94-01-M.

FR Notice: 59 FR 24730.

Petitioner: Cyprus Sierrita Corporation.

Reg Affected: 30 CFR 56.6309.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal to blend recycled oil with fuel oil to create a blasting agent considered acceptable alternative method. Granted with conditions.

Docket No.: M-94-04-M.

FR Notice: 59 FR 4114.

Petitioner: Magna Copper Company.

Reg Affected: 30 CFR 57.9360(a)(2).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal to use two alternative sets of stipulations specified in its petition for modification for spacing shelter holes along its haulage roads for miners on the 2675 and 2950 levels considered acceptable alternative method. Granted with conditions at the San Manuel Mine.

Docket No.: M-95-02-M.

FR Notice: 60 FR 9867.

Petitioner: Aluminum Company of America.

Reg Affected: 30 CFR 56.9300.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal to restrict access to its mud lake impoundment lake roadway(s) by using specific procedures outlined in its petition for modification considered acceptable alternative method. Granted with conditions.

Docket No.: M-78-26-M.

FR Notice: 43 FR 59926.

Petitioner: Anthony Dally & Sons.

Reg Affected: 30 CFR 57.19-7 (now 57.19007).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's granted petition for 30 CFR 57.19007 an underground mandatory standard, was reviewed and changes were noted. It was that the petitioner should have petitioned for 30 CFR 56.19007, applicable for surface mining operations, and that three of the mines had been permanently closed. The modifications to the Diamond Slate Quarry, Quarry No. 6, and the Stephens-Jackson Slate Quarry is no longer applicable. Modification to the Doney

Slate Company Pit as it pertains to operating man hoists without overspeed or overtravel controls installed considered acceptable. Granted with conditions.

Docket No.: M-87-09-M.

FR Notice: 52 FR 34437.

Petitioner: Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation.

Reg Affected: 30 CFR 57.4760(a).

Summary of Findings: On January 25, 1990, MSHA issued a Proposed Decision and Order (PDO) granting this petition for modification conditioned upon circumstances existing at the Bonanza No. 3, Little Emma No. 7, Bonanza No. 11 and 12, Independent No. 4 and 5, and the Cottonwood No. 1 mines for the elimination of shaft station ventilation control doors. On December 7, 1993, MSHA's Rocky Mountain District Manager submitted a review of conditions relevant to the granted petition. In the review it was noted that conditions at the mines remained unchanged and that the petition should continue in effect, and that the Little Emma No. 7 and Cottonwood No. 1 mines had ceased mining operations. On August 16, 1993, a PDO was issued revoking the granted petition of the two non-operating mines. On April 21 and May 23, 1995, the District Manager submitted another review of the conditions of the granted petition noting that one mine name and mine ID number, Bonanza Mill and Mines—(ID No. 42-00876) was used to identify all gilsonite mines owned and operated by the petitioner. Based on this review it was noted that the petition should be revoked at the Bonanza No. 11 & 12, Independent No. 4 & 5, and Bonanza No. 3 mines, and that the petition should be amended to include only one mine, Bonanza Mill and Mines (ID No. 42-00876). The amended petition granted with conditions as it pertains to operating without shaft ventilation control doors installed in the Bonanza Mill and Mines.

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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-95-138-C]

McElroy Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30

CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its McElroy Mine (I.D. No. 46-01437) located in Marshall County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage (4,160 volts) cables in by the last open crosscut to supply power to longwall mining equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Megan, Inc.

[Docket No. M-95-139-C]

Megan, Inc., HC 83, Box 121B, Cannon, Kentucky 40923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.342 (methane monitors) to its No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17568) located in Whitley County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use hand-held continuous-duty methane and oxygen indicators instead of machine-mounted methane monitors on three-wheel tractors with drag bottom buckets. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

3. Peabody Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-140-C]

Peabody Coal Company, 1951 Barrett Court, P.O. Box 1990, Henderson, Kentucky 42420-1990 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (weekly examination) to its Camp No. 11 Mine (I.D. No. 15-08357) located in Union County, Kentucky. Due to hazardous roof conditions in certain areas of the return air course, the area cannot be traveled in its entirety. The petitioner proposes to have a certified person examine for methane, oxygen, and the quantity of air in the No. 8 (outside) intake entry in by and out by the roof fall on a weekly basis and record the results in a book kept on the surface at the mine and available to interested parties. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

4. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-141-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1400 (hoisting equipment; general) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill 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 an 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.

5. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-142-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.332 (b)(1) & (b)(2) (working sections and working places) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use air passing through inaccessible abandoned workings and additional areas not examined and which is currently mixing with the air in the intake haulage slope to ventilate the active working section, and to ensure the maintenance of air quality through the sampling of section intake air at the gangway level during the preshift and on-shift examinations of carbon dioxide, methane, and oxygen deficiency. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-143-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative methods of 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.

7. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-144-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (preshift

examination) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to visually examine each seal for physical damage from the slope gunboat during the preshift examination after an air quantity 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.

8. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-145-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1), (4) and (5) (weekly examination) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill 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 to 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.

9. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-146-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002-1 (location of other electric equipment; requirements for permissibility) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use nonpermissible electric equipment within 150 feet of the pillar line and to suspend equipment operation anytime the methane concentration at the equipment reaches 0.5 percent, either during operation or during a preshift examination. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

10. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-147-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill 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.

11. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-148-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200(d) & (i) (mine map) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill 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.

12. Three Way Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-149-C]

Three Way Coal Company, 117 School Rowe, Branchdale, Pennsylvania 17923 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its Little Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08332) located in Schuylkill 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.

13. Keystone Coal Mining Corporation
[Docket No. M-95-150-C]

Keystone Coal Mining Corporation, 655 Church Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1103-4(a) (automatic fire sensor and warning device systems; installations; minimum requirements) to its Emilie No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 36-00821) located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide detection system in all belt entries where a monitoring system identifies a sensor location instead of each belt flight. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

14. Heatherly Mining, Inc.
[Docket No. M-95-151-C]

Heatherly Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 550, Henryetta, Oklahoma 74437 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its Pollyanna No. 8 Mine (I.D. No. 34-01787) located in Le Flore County, Oklahoma. The petitioner proposes to plug and mine through certain abandoned wells which lie in the path of engineered mine workings. 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 November 22, 1995. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: October 13, 1995.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 95-095]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Space Science Advisory Committee (SScAC), 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 forthcoming meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Space Science Advisory Committee. Dates: Monday, November 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, November 14, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, November 15, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Conference Room MIC 7-A&B-West, 300 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lawrence J. Caroff, Code SZ, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0372.

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

- Status of FY96 budget and implications for NASA and OSS
- Update of status of OSS missions and programs
- Status of OSS reorganization and science advisory structure
- Update on ELV status
- Report from subgroup NASA peer review practices
- Status report on suborbital program
- Progress report on OSS education initiative
- Discussion of science metrics for NASA
- Progress report on study of NASA science institutes
- Report from NAS-sponsored Future of Space Science Study

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: October 17, 1995.

Philip I. Chait,

GAO/OIC Audit Team Leader Management Controls Office.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Operator Licensing Examination Question Bank; Notice of Public Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has developed the NRC Operator Licensing Examination Question Bank (EQB) to be used by examiners for the construction and storage of operator examination questions for Reactor Operators (ROs) and Senior Reactor Operators (SROs). The data base and the mainframe computer on which it resides is located at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and is maintained under contract to the NRC by INEL.

The EQB data is in the form of questions, answers, and references and is being made available on request. All information requested can be transferred in magnetic tape, diskette, or paper computer printout. Personal computer software and a user's manual for active on-line access may also be provided. Procedures to request specific information from the EQB and to obtain on-line access are enclosed. Costs in providing this information and EQB access are normally charged to the requestor by the INEL unless provisions of the Freedom of Information Act that provide for public access to information are invoked.

Requestors of information should be aware that the information, software, or user documentation provided will be current only at the time it is requested, since updates and changes occur frequently. INEL, under the terms of its contract with NRC, is not required to provide training or technical assistance software support for requestors.

ADDRESSES: To request information from the EQB, the requestor should submit a written request to Mr. Frank S. Jaggar, EQB Program Manager, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company, P. O. Box 1625, Idaho Falls, ID 83415 with a copy to Mr. Frank Collins, Operator Licensing Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, O10-D22, Washington, D.C. 20555

State the following information in the letter: (1) requestor's name and address, (2) Reason for the request, (3) details of request (data required and format or on-line access)

State the method of reimbursement for the cost of providing requested