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Signed at Washington, DC This 3rd day of September 1998.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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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. Clinchfield Coal Co.

[Docket No. M-98-74-C]

Clinchfield Coal Company, PO Box 4000, Lebanon, Virginia 24266 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75-1710-1(a) (canopies or cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its Cherokee Mine (I.D. No. 44-06846) located in Dickenson County, Virginia. The petitioner proposes to operate Joy 21SC center-driven shuttle cars, S&S 488 scoops, Long Airtox 482 scoops, and Fletcher Roof Ranger bolting machines in mining heights less than 46 inches. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to miners.

2. The Kedco, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-75-C]

The Kedco, Inc., PO Box 232, Justice, West Virginia 24857 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-08019) located in Mingo County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to replace a padlock on battery plug connectors with a threaded ring and a spring loaded device on mobile battery-powered machines to prevent the plug connector from accidentally disengaging while under load. The petitioner asserts 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 would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

3. Manna Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-98-76-C]

Manna Coal Corporation, PO Box 1210, Richlands, Virginia 24641 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1 (canopies and cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 44-04248) located in Buchanan County, Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow self-propelled

electric face equipment to be operated without cabs or canopies in mining heights less than 48 inches. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

4. Leeco, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-77-C]

Leeco, Inc., 1374 Highway 192 East, London, Kentucky 40741-3123 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1 (canopies and cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its Mine No. 68 (I.D. No. 15-17497) located in Perry County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to operate self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment without cabs or canopies. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

5. Webster County Coal Corp.

[Docket No. M-98-78-C]

Webster County Coal Corp., 2668 State Route 120 East, Providence, Kentucky 42450 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901(a) (protection of low-and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Dotiki Mine (I.D. No. 15-02132) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow an alternative method for the diesel powered generator system. The petitioner proposes to have the neutral of the wye configured alternator in series between it and the frame of the generator unit with a 480-volt rated resistor that would limit phase-to-frame fault current to 0.5 continuous ampere; to have the neutral of the secondary side of the wye configured 480/995-volt step-up transformer in series between it and the frame of the generator with a 995-volt rated resistor that would limit phase-to-frame fault current to 0.5 continuous ampere; to have the 480-volt rated output of the generator equipped with a sensitive ground fault relay set to cause the circuit breaker(s) to trip and shut down the diesel engine when a phase-to-frame fault of 120 milliamperes occurs; to have a No. 1/0 A.W.G. or larger external ground conductor solidly connected between the frame(s) of the diesel generator and the mining equipment being powered; to have a type SHD-GC power cable from the generator to the equipment with a minimum of 2,000-volt rating, and an MSHA accepted flame-resistant outer jacket; to have shielded cable with strain relief extended between the

generator and the piece of equipment being powered; and to perform a functional test of the ground fault and ground wire monitor systems prior to moving each piece of equipment and upon starting the diesel generator. The petitioner states that the generator system would not be operated until MSHA has inspected the equipment and determined compliance; that all circuits breaker settings would be adjusted to provide short-circuit protection and would not exceed the maximum allowable instantaneous setting specified in 30 CFR 75.601-1; and that all qualified persons would receive specific "hands on" training on proper testing procedures prior to using the diesel generator system; and that the testing procedures would be incorporated in the Part 48 training plans and annual refresher training. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Mississippi Potash, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-05-M]

Mississippi Potash, Inc., PO Box 101, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11050 (escapeways and refuges) to its Mississippi Potash West Mine (I.D. No. 29-00175) located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The petitioner proposes to use a refuge chamber located 400 feet from the shaft as one of its escapeways in the event of a hoist outage. The petitioner states that the 18,700 cubic foot refuge chamber would be used by a limited number of underground maintenance and production employees to accomplish dead work; that these employees would be working with a normal mantrip hoist operation; and that the refuge chamber would accommodate 45 employees and would be used as an alternate escapeway. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Colorado Yule Marble Company

[Docket No. M-98-06-M]

Colorado Yule Marble Company, 2800 Midland Avenue, #102, Glenwood, Colorado 81601 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 49.2(f) (availability of mine rescue teams) to its Yule Quarry (I.D. No. 05-04438) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the use of the San Juan Mine Rescue Co-operative rescue team of Ridgeway located 2 to 3 hours

ground travel time from the mine while their rescue team (Roaring Fork Mine Rescue Co-operative) is being established. 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 are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to "comments@msha.gov", or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before October 13, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences, Committee of Visitors; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Date and Time: September 30—October 2, 1998, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm each day.

Place: Room 365, National Science Foundation, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open (see Agenda, below).

Contact Person: Dr. Michael R. Reeve, Section Head, Ocean Sciences Division, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1580.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GRPA assessments, and to access privileged materials.

Agenda

Closed: September 30 and October 1, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and October 2 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of the Ocean Sciences Research Section program.