

address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) 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;

(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

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* National Opinion Poll on White Collar Crime.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form: None. National White Collar Crime Center, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be as or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individual or Households. Other: None. The NWCCC Training and Research Institute anticipates conducting a survey of public attitudes and perceptions of white collar crime. Particular areas of interest include seriousness, awareness, arrest and imprisonment, knowledge of prevention resources, victim risk behaviors, victim experience, and general demographics.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 1810 respondents at 20 minutes per telephone interview.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 603 annual burdens hours.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Office, 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 12, 1998.

Brenda E. Dyer,

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. Consolidation Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-89-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Loveridge No. 22 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01433) located in Marion County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to increase the maximum length of their trailing cables to 1,000 feet for the mining machine, loading machine, shuttle car, roof bolter, and the section ventilation fan while developing longwall panels. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation

[Docket No. M-98-90-C]

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.323(e) (actions for excessive methane) to its Willow Creek Mine (I.D. No. 42-02113) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit more than 2 percent methane in a bleeder split of air immediately before the split joins another split of air. 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. Deitz Bros. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-92-C]

Deitz Bros. Coal Company, 137 W. 7th Street, Tuscarora, Pennsylvania 17851

has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its 4 Ft. Vein (I.D. No. 36-08706) 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 equipped with three 10 quart pails 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.

4. Deitz Bros. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-93-C]

Deitz Bros. Coal Company, 137 W. 7th Street, Tuscarora, Pennsylvania 17851 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1400 (hoisting equipment; general) to its 4 Ft. Vein (I.D. No. 36-08706) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the gunboat to be operated without safety catches or other no less effective devices. The petitioner proposes to operate the man cage or steel gunboat with secondary safety connections securely fastened around the gunboat and to the hoisting rope above the main connecting device and to use hoisting ropes with a safety factor in excess of the 4 to 8 to 1. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

5. Bowie Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-94-C]

Bowie Resources, Inc., 1855 Old Hwy. 133, PO Box 483, Paonia, Colorado 81428 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Bowie Mine (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use a portable diesel powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and around the mine following the specific procedures outlined in this petition. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Bowie Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-95-C]

Bowie Resources, Inc., 1855 Old Hwy. 133, PO Box 483, Paonia, Colorado 81428 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901 (protection

of low- and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Bowie Mine (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use a portable diesel powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and around the mine following the specific procedures outlined in 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. Mettiki Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-98-96-C]

Mettiki Coal Corporation, 293 Table Rock Road, Oakland, Maryland 21550 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Mettiki Mine (I.D. No. 18-00621) located in Garrett County, Maryland. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit provision of two portable fire extinguishers at each temporary electrical installation. The petitioner proposes to store at each temporary electrical installation two multipurpose, dry chemical, portable fire extinguishers, each having at least a minimum capacity of 10 pounds of dry powder. The petitioner states that all portable fire extinguishers would be approved by the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or Factory Research Corporation, and each would have a rating of 2A 10BC or higher. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

8. The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company

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

The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, PO Box 6518, Englewood, Colorado 80155-6518 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(4) (weekly examination) to its Sebree #1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17044) located in Webster County, Kentucky. Due to a rock fall in front of the No. 2 Seal at the No. 7 entry in the North Submain return, examining the area every 7 days would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to examine the inby and outby side of the rock fall at the No. 2 Seal once during each 24 hour period. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

9. Oxbow Mining, Inc.

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

Oxbow Mining, Inc., PO Box 535, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(d)(5) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) 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 continued usage of the current secondary escapeway as an alternative intake escapeway instead of using the No. 3 Substation Return Airshaft. 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 December 18, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: November 10, 1998.

Carol J. Jones,

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

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Monday, November 23, 1998 and Tuesday, November 24, 1998 at the Embassy Suite Hotel, 1250 22nd Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 23, and at 9:00 a.m. on November 24.

The Commission will discuss demonstration program for frail elderly, care at the end of life, and its workplan on end-stage renal disease. It will consider beneficiary financial liability, access to care, and two quality issues: informed consumer choice and health

care errors. Finally, it will discuss graduate medical education, the physician fee schedule, and payments to hospital outpatient departments.

Agendas were mailed on Monday, November 9, 1998. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's web sites (WWW.MedPAC.GOV).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006. The telephone number is 202/653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, 202/653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call 202/653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

SES Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the names of members of the Performance Review Board for the National Endowment for the Arts. This notice supersedes all previous notices of the PRB membership of the Agency.

DATES: Upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine C. Jefferson, Director of Human Resources, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 627, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 682-5405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sec. 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any response by the senior executive, and make recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following persons have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the National Endowment for the Arts:
Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Senior Deputy
Chairman