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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Changes in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for the State of Alaska

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for the State of Alaska.

Summary

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding States' EB status:

- January 29, 1995—Alaska's 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending January 14, 1995 exceeded 6.0 percent, causing the State to trigger "on" EB effective January 29, 1995.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State beginning an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the programs, should contact the nearest State employment service office or unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 23, 1995.

Doug Ross,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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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. Rothermel Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-07-C]

Rothermel Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 33A, Klingerstown, Pennsylvania 17941 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its No. 11 Slope (I.D. No. 36-07558) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative methods of seal 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 criterion 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.

2. Rothermel Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-08-C]

Rothermel Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 33A, Klingerstown, Pennsylvania 17941 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (preshift examination) to its No. 11 Slope (I.D. No. 36-07558) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to 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.

3. Rothermel Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-09-C]

Rothermel Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 33A, Klingerstown, Pennsylvania 17941 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(a) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its No. 11 Slope (I.D. No.

36-07558) located in Northumberland 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.

4. Rothermel Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-10-C]

Rothermel Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 33A, Klingerstown, Pennsylvania 17941 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200(d) and (i) (mine map) to its No. 11 Slope (I.D. No. 36-07558) located in Northumberland 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 mapping of mine workings above and below to those present within 100 feet of the vein being mined except when veins are interconnected to other veins beyond the 100 foot limit through rock tunnels. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

5. Rothermel Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-11-C]

Rothermel Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 33A, Klingerstown, Pennsylvania 17941 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its No. 11 Slope (I.D. No. 36-07558) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to revise and supplement mine maps on an annual basis instead of the required 6 month interval 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.

6. Stephen Shingara Jr. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-12-C]

Stephen Shingara Jr. Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 369, Shamokin, Pennsylvania 17872 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its No. 1 Slope (I.D. No. 36-02280) located in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative