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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

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.

7. Stephen Shingara Jr. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-13-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 75.360 (preshift examination) to its No. 1 Slope (I.D. No. 36-02280) 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.

8. Stephen Shingara Jr. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-14-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 75.1100-2(a) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its No. 1 Slope (I.D. No. 36-02280) 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.

9. Stephen Shingara Jr. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-15-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 75.1200(d) & (i) (mine map) to its No. 1 Slope (I.D. No. 36-02280) 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 feet 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 feet 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.

10. Stephen Shingara Jr. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-16-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 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its No. 1 Slope (I.D. No. 36-02280) 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.

11. Frank Branch Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-95-17-C]

Frank Branch Mining, Inc., Route 1, Box 200, Dunlow, West Virginia 25511 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Frank Branch No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-07838) located in Wayne County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to replace a padlock on battery plug connectors on mobile battery-powered machines with a threaded ring and a spring loaded device to prevent the plug connector from accidentally disengaging while under load; to have a warning tag on all battery plug connectors on the battery-powered machines that states "do not disengage plugs under load;" and to instruct all persons required to operate or maintain the battery-powered machines in the safe practices and provisions provided for in the alternative method of compliance. The petitioner states that application of the mandatory 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.

12. Frank Branch Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-95-18-C]

Frank Branch Mining, Inc., Route 1, Box 200, Dunlow, West Virginia 25511 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Frank Branch No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-08412) located in Wayne 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; to have a warning tag on all battery plug connectors on the battery-powered machines that states "do not disengage plugs under load;" and to instruct all persons required to operate or maintain the battery-powered machines in the safe practices and provisions provided for in the alternative method of compliance. The petitioner states that application of the mandatory 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.

13. Copperas Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-95-19-C]

Copperas Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 4544, Chapmanville, West Virginia 25508 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Red Oak Mine (I.D. No. 46-08135) located in Boone 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; to have a warning tag on all battery plug connectors on the battery-powered machines that states "do not disengage plugs under load;" and to instruct all persons required to operate or maintain the battery-powered machines in the safe practices and provisions provided for in the alternative method of compliance. The petitioner states that application of the mandatory 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.

14. Eighty-Four Mining Company

[Docket No. M-95-20-C]

Eighty-Four Mining Company, P.O. Box 729, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701 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 Mine 84 (I.D. No. 36-00958) located in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage (4,160 volts) cables in by the last open crosscut to supply power to longwall face equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

15. Minnesota Ore Operations, USX Corporation

[Docket No. M-95-03-M]

Minnesota Ore Operations, USX Corporation, 600 Grant Street, room 1580, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 56.15014 (eye protection when operating grinding wheels) to its Minntac Mine (I.D. No. 21-00282); its Minntac Plant (I.D. No. 21-00820); and its Maintenance Department (I.D. No. 21-00819) all located in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The petitioner proposes to continue using pedestal grinders with safety shields; to continue providing safety glasses, including prescription glasses to all employees for them to wear while working, except in office areas; and to discontinue using face shields when employees are wearing safety glasses while operating pedestal grinders equipped with safety shields. 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 April 3, 1995. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: February 24, 1995.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Master Plan Submission Requirement

AGENCY: National Capital Planning Commission.

ACTION: Final master plan submission requirements.

SUMMARY: On November 3, 1994, the Commission adopted several amendments to its Master Plan Submission Requirements, originally approved on September 6, 1984 and subsequently amended on November 7, 1985. The Commission's Master Plan Submission Requirements are the basic set of guidelines used by staff to direct Federal and District of Columbia agencies in preparing their master plan submissions to the Commission. The changes to the requirements are primarily designed to incorporate Administration policy directives and current and emerging planning and design concerns which the Commission is now emphasizing in working with agencies preparing master plan submissions. Briefly, Sec. 3.A.1.f. has been changed to emphasize the need for Federal agencies, as they prepare their master plans, to take into greater consideration the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital's employee parking policies which are designed to encourage reduced reliance on single-occupant vehicles. Consequently, the new requirements include a provision calling for the preparation of a Transportation Management Program for sites of 100 or more employees.

Sections 3.B.2.c and 3.B.3.a are new sections which are intended to promote a more consistent treatment and recognition of design issues in Federal Master Plans throughout the National Capital Region. Amendments to Sec. 4.A provide for the use of metric standards in master plan maps and drawings in accordance with Executive Order 12770, Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs. A new section, sec. 4.E, is meant to encourage Federal agencies to consider providing their master plan submissions using some of the current computer-based planning and design technologies widely available in the market today, such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Computer Aided Design (CAD)

packages. Other technical and clarifying changes to the requirements are included as well.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald E. Wilson, Director for Planning, Review & Implementation Division, National Capital Planning Commission, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20576 or (202)724-0191.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 1—Introduction

Section 5(a) of the National Capital Planning Act of 1952, as amended, (hereinafter "Planning Act"), provides that each Federal and District of Columbia agency prior to the preparation of construction plans originated by such agency for proposed developments and projects or to commitments for the acquisition of land, to be paid for in whole or in part from Federal or District funds, shall advise and consult with the National Capital Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") in the preparation by the agency of plans and programs in preliminary and successive stages which affect the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

A master plan is an integrated series of documents which present in graphic, narrative, and tabular form the present composition of an installation and the plan for its orderly and comprehensive long-range development, generally over a period of 20 years. The Commission has determined that an approved master plan is a required preliminary stage of planning prior to agency preparation and submission to the Commission of site and building plans for individual projects. Master plans are necessary for installations on which more than one principal building, structure, or activity is located or is proposed to be located.

Ordinarily, the Commission will not approve, or recommend favorably on, project plans for an installation for which there is no approved master plan unless the agency provides an explanation satisfactory to the Commission as to the agency's reasons for not submitting a current master plan, or modification thereto, for the installation.

In accordance with Section 5(b) of the Planning Act, these requirements shall not apply to the Capitol Grounds or to the planning for structures within existing military, naval, or Air Force reservations erected by the Department of Defense during wartime or national emergency, except that the appropriate defense agency shall consult with the Commission as to any developments which materially affect traffic or require