

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-377]

### Program To Maintain Investment Restrictions Database

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 22, 1997.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt of a request on January 15, 1997, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-377, Program To Maintain Investment Restrictions Database, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information specific to the investigation may be obtained from Mr. Richard Brown (202-205-3438) or Mr. Patrick Coleman (202-205-3459). For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact Mr. William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

**BACKGROUND:** As requested by the USTR in a letter dated January 8, 1997, the Commission, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, instituted an investigation for the purpose of developing a database that identifies and provides pertinent information regarding foreign investment restrictions. The USTR's letter stated that the database would assist USTR in assessing the value of commitments undertaken by other countries and reporting on the final outcome of negotiations currently underway to develop a multilateral agreement on investment (MAI) within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The USTR requested that the Commission provide an initial listing of investment restrictions by January 31, 1997, and provide further iterations of the document as interagency input and the results of ongoing negotiations are incorporated. USTR indicated that all or part of the database may be classified as confidential.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 23, 1997.

Donna R. Koehnke,  
Secretary.

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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. D & D Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-166-C]

D & D Coal Company, 139 E. Independence Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania 17872 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its 7 Foot Drift Mine (I.D. No.36-08092) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative methods of construction of seals 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.

##### 2. D & D Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-167-C]

D & D Coal Company, 139 E. Independence Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania 17872 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its 7 Foot Drift Mine (I.D. No. 36-08092) 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.

##### 3. Apogee Coal Company dba Arch of Illinois

[Docket No. M-96-168-C]

Apogee Coal Company dba Arch of Illinois, P.O. Box 308, Percy, Illinois 62272 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 Conant Mine (I.D. No. 11-02886)

located in Perry County, Illinois. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow a diesel powered generator to be operated for supplying power to mobile mining equipment when such equipment is being moved from one area of the mine to another without grounding the neutral to a low resistance ground field. The petitioner states that mining personnel would be trained in the proper testing procedures to be used at the mine whenever this practice occurs. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

##### 4. Burnrite Slope Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-169-C]

Burnrite Slope Coal Company, 325 Mulberry Street, Atlas, Pennsylvania 17851 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Burnrite Slope (I.D. No. 36-08547) located in Columbia 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.

##### 5. Burnrite Slope Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-170-C]

Burnrite Slope Coal Company, 325 Mulberry Street, Atlas, Pennsylvania 17851 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200 (d) & (i) (mine map) to its Burnrite Slope Mine (I.D. No. 36-08547) located in Columbia 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 tunnels. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

##### 6. Burnrite Slope Coal Company

[Docket No. M-96-171-C]

Burnrite Slope Coal Company, 325 Mulberry Street, Atlas, Pennsylvania 17851 has filed a petition to modify the