

alternative method. Granted for the Limestone Plant with conditions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Summary of Decision Granting a Petition for Modification

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of affirmative decision issued by the Administrator for Coal Mine Safety and Health on a petition for modification of the application of a mandatory safety standard.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, the Secretary of Labor may modify the application of a mandatory safety standard to a mine if the Secretary determines either that an alternate method exists at a specific mine that will guarantee no less protection for the miners affected than that provided by the standard, or that the application of the standard at a specific mine will result in a diminution of safety to the affected miners.

Summaries of petitions received by the Secretary appear periodically in the **Federal Register**. Final decisions on these petitions are based upon the petitioner's statements, comments and information submitted by interested persons, and a field investigation of the conditions at the mine. MSHA has granted the request for modification submitted by the petitioner listed below. In some instances, the decisions are conditioned upon compliance with stipulations stated in the decision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** This petition and a copy of the final decision is available for examination by the public in the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Contact Barbara Barron at 703-235-1910.

Dated: April 2, 1997.

**Edward C. Hugler,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

#### Affirmative Decision on a Petition for Modification

*Docket No.:* M-96-037-C.

*FR Notice:* 61 FR 33140.

*Petitioner:* Monterey Coal Company.

*Reg Affected:* 30 CFR 75.380(d)(4).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's request to allow the width of the escapeway to be 5 feet instead of 6 feet

when using the belt conveyor as an alternate escapeway during gateroad development and longwall operation considered acceptable alternative method. Granted for the No. 1 Mine with conditions for the conveyor belt entry during the development of longwall gate entries and subsequent retreat of the panels.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Processes; 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 Panel for Biomolecular Processes—(5138) (Panel B).

*Date and Time:* Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 30–May 1 & 2, 1997 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 310, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Charles Liarakos, Program Director for Biochemistry of Gene Expression, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306-1441).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Biochemistry of Gene Expression Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

**Linda Allen-Benton,**

*Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function; 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 Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function—(1134) (Panel A).

*Date and Time:* Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 30–May 2, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 340, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Persons:* Drs. Marcia Steinberg and P.C. Huang, Program Directors for Molecular Biochemistry, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306-1443).

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Molecular Biochemistry Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

**Linda Allen-Benton,**

*Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Cell Biology; 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 Panel for Cell Biology (1136)—(Panel A).

*Date and Time:* April 30th, May 1-2, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 390, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Persons:* Dr. Barbara Zain and Dr. Eliot Herman, Program Directors for the Cell Biology Program, National Science Foundation, Room 655 South, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1442.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Signal Transduction & Regulation Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason For Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including