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Signed at Washington, DC this 9th day of January 1998.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determination.

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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. Jim Walter Resources, Inc.

[Docket Nos. M-97-128-C and M-97-129-C]

Jim Walter Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 133, Brookwood, Alabama 35444 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 No. 5 Mine (I.D. No. 01-01322), and its No. 7 Mine (I.D. No. 01-01401) both located in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The petitioner requests that paragraph 11 of its previous petitions, docket numbers M-85-45-C and M-85-9-C, be amended to read as follows: Where high-voltage cable that moves during normal operation of the longwall is damaged to the extent that any metallic component of the cable is damaged, the cable shall be repaired and the outer jacket of such repair shall be vulcanized with flame-resistant material. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Par L Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-130-C]

Par L Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 56A, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b) (1), (4), and (5) (weekly examination) to its Tracy Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08685) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Due to hazardous conditions and roof falls, certain areas of the intake haulage slope and primary

escapeway cannot be traveled safely. The petitioner proposes to examine these areas from the gunboat/slope car with an alternative air quality evaluation at the section's intake level, and to travel and thoroughly examine these areas for hazardous conditions 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. Par L Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-131-C]

Par L Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 56A, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Tracy Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08685) 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.

4. Par L Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-132-C]

Par L Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 56A, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200 (d) & (i) (mine map) to its Tracy Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08685) located in Schuylkill 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.

5. Par L Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-133-C]

Par L Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 56A, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75-1400 (hoisting equipment; general) to its Tracy Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08685) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The

petitioner proposes to use a slope conveyance (gunboat) in transporting persons without installing safety catches or other no less effective devices but instead use increased rope strength/safety factor and secondary safety rope connection in place of such devices. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Par L Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-134-C]

Par L Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 56A, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its Tracy Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-08685) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6 months, as required, 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.

7. Turriss Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-135-C]

Turriss Coal Company, P.O. Box 21, Elkhart, Illinois 62634 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.332(a)(2) (working sections and working places) to its Elkhart Mine (I.D. No. 11-02664) located in Logan County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to use the gathering arms and conveyor chain of the continuous miner to clean and load the loose rock and coal that is left on the mine floor after the continuous miner has completed its cut while the second continuous miner on the high performance unit simultaneously starts its cut; and to have the continuous miner maintain the same ventilation and water sprays required during the cut. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

8. Jim Walter Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-136-C]

Jim Walter Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 133, Brookwood, Alabama 35444 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its No. 3 Mine (I.D. No. 01-00758) located in Jefferson County, Alabama; and its No. 4 Mine (I.D. No. 01-01247) located in

Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The petitioner requests that paragraph 13 of its previous petition, docket number M-93-209-C, be amended to read as follows: Where a high-voltage cable that moves during normal operation of the longwall is damaged to the extent that any metallic component of the cable is damaged, the cable shall be repaired and the outer jacket of such repair shall be vulcanized with flame-resistant material. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

9. Dominion Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-97-137-C]

Dominion Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 70, Vansant, Virginia 24656 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360(b)(5) (preshift examination) to its Mine No. 36 (I.D. No. 44-06759) located in Buchanan County, Virginia. The petitioner requests a variance from preshift of seals along intake air courses since the intake air passes by both sides of the seals to ventilate working sections where anyone is scheduled to work during the oncoming shifts. The petitioner asserts that application of the mandatory standard would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

10. Consolidation Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-138-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1906(b) (transport of diesel fuel) to its Buchanan Mine (I.D. No. 44-04856) located in Buchanan County, Virginia. The petitioner requests a variance to permit transportation of multiple safety cans on a single vehicle for certain specified applications. The petitioner proposes to refuel equipment involved in longwall moves; to transport multiple safety cans, not to exceed six, by any one vehicle from the portal bottom or underground storage facility to the longwall section to refuel equipment; to equip three 20-pound fire extinguishers on a vehicle transporting more than one safety can filled with diesel fuel; to equip a manually actuated fire suppression system on a vehicle transporting more than one safety can filled with diesel fuel; to provide additional fire protection by a mine-wide computerized CO detection system; to secure the safety cans in the vehicle by protective retaining cylinders; to have the vehicle transport only miners, and

the vehicle operator while transporting diesel-filled safety cans; and to transfer the diesel fuel from the safety cans to equipment fuel tanks upon arrival on the longwall section. The petitioner states that the safety cans would not be stored on the longwall section; and that following refueling, the empty safety cans would be returned to the vehicle and transported to the surface or underground storage facility. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

11. Energy West Mining Company

[Docket No. M-97-139-C]

Energy West Mining Company, P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Trail Mountain Mine (I.D. No. 42-01211) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests that Item (o) of the Proposed Decision and Order for its previously granted petition, docket number M-94-166-C, be amended to incorporate new language specified 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.

12. Energy West Mining Company

[Docket No. M-97-140-C]

Energy West Mining Company, P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.352 (return air courses) to its Trail Mountain Mine (I.D. No. 42-01211) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests that Item (o) of the Proposed Decision and Order for its previously granted petition, docket number M-94-167-C, be amended to incorporate new language specified 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.

13. M & M Anthracite Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-141-C]

M & M Anthracite Coal Company, 245 2nd Street, Tremont, Pennsylvania 17981 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1400 (hoisting equipment; general) to its Little Tracey Slope (I.D. No. 36-08693) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use a slope conveyance (gunboat) in transporting persons without installing safety catches or other no less effective devices but

instead use increased rope strength/safety factor and secondary safety rope connection in place of such devices. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

14. Elk Run Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-142-C]

Elk Run Coal Company, Box 497, Sylvester, West Virginia 25193 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Laurel Eagle Mine (I.D. No. 46-08181) located in Raleigh County, West Virginia; and its Black Knight II Mine (I.D. No. 46-08402) located in Boone County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use permanently installed, spring-loaded locking devices on mobile battery-powered machines to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles in order to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations, instead of using padlocks. The petitioner asserts 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.

15. Tg Soda Ash, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-13-M]

Tg Soda Ash, Inc., P.O. Box 100, Granger, Wyoming 82934 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.22305 (approved equipment (III mines) to its Wyoming Soda Ash Trona Mine (I.D. No. 48-00639) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The petitioner proposes to operate a non-permissible pump in an area of the mine that was previously a shortwall panel. The petitioner proposes to operate approved equipment in by the last open break or in areas where methane may enter the airstream. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

16. Getchell Gold Corporation

[Docket No. M-97-14-M]

Getchell Gold Corporation, P.O. Box 220, 28 Miles N.E., Golconda, Nevada 89414 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.14130 (roll-over protective structures (ROPS) and seat belts for surface equipment) to its Getchell Mine (I.D. No. 26-02233) located in Humboldt County, Nevada.

The petitioner requests variance from the use of the ROPS portion of the mandatory standard for its John Deere Model 570B Grader, serial number DW570BX5544565 and the Caterpillar D3C Dozer, serial number 6SL0153 equipment used primarily underground. The petitioner asserts that using this equipment underground without rollover protection would present a minimum exposure to the miners.

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 February 17, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-1-93]

Wyle Laboratories, Inc., Request for Change of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

ACTION: Notice of change in recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency's final decision on the Wyle Laboratories' request to remove a restriction in its recognition as a NRTL under 29 CFR 1910.7.

DATES: The change is effective this January 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Variance Determination, NRTL Recognition Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N3653, Washington, D.C. 20210, (202) 219-7056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Final Decision

Wyle Laboratories, Inc. (Wyle), previously made application pursuant