

and to connect the neutral of the generator's transformer secondary through a suitable resistor to the frame of the diesel generator. The frame of the diesel generator would have solid connection to a borehole casing, a metal waterline, or a grounding conductor with a low resistance to earth. The petitioner proposes to follow specific terms and conditions listed in this petition for utilizing the proposed alternative method. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

5. Rustler Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-85-C]

Rustler Coal Company, 66 South Tremont Street, Zerby, Tremont, Pennsylvania 17981 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.340 (underground electrical installations) to its Orchard Slope Mine (I.D. No. 36-08346) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to charge its batteries on the mine's locomotive during idle periods when all miners have been removed from the mine and to allow the intake air used to ventilate the charging station, located at the No. 1 chute of the active gangway level, to continue through its normal route to the last open crosscut and into the monkey airway (return). The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Kedco, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-86-C]

Kedco, Inc., P.O. Box 1358, Gilbert, West Virginia 25621 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 No. 2 (I.D. No. 46-08019) located in Mingo County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage (2,400 volt cables) to power continuous mining machines in and inby the last open crosscut. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Solvay Minerals

[Docket No. M-98-07-M]

Solvay Minerals, P.O. Box 1167, Green River, Wyoming 82935 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.22305 [approved equipment (III mines)] to its Solvay Minerals, Inc. (I.D. No. 48-01295) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The

petitioner requests that previous petition for modification, docket number M-91-05-M, be amended to allow specific nonpermissible tools listed in this petition to be used in or beyond the last open crosscut. The petitioner states that prior to using these tools, the atmosphere would be examined for methane and would be continuously monitored with an approved instrument [MS240], [MX212], or MX250 CMX 270, CMX 271, and/or equivalent capable of providing both visual and audible alarms required in 30 CFR 57.22227 and according to the definition of mine atmosphere; that qualified personnel would physically attend the equipment when used in or inby the last open crosscut or in areas where methane may enter the air current; that the procedures in 30 CFR 57.22234 would be followed if 1.0 percent or more methane is detected; that the proposed changes to the petition would ensure the most up-to-date equipment, which would not only ensure compliance accuracy but would also meet or exceed the previous modification. The petitioner states that the alternative method of purchasing and using the most up-to-date equipment would allow them to continue ensuring the same level of protection that has been afforded to their employees in the past. 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 are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to "comments@msha.gov", or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before November 30, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: October 20, 1998.

Carol J. Jones,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (98-158)]

NASA Advisory Council, Aeronautics and Space Transportation Technology Advisory Committee, Aviation Operations Systems Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting Cancellation.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 63FR27093, Notice Number 98-138, October 9, 1998.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATES OF MEETING: Tuesday, October 27, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, October 28, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be rescheduled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Victor Lebacqz, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035, 415/604-5792.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

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Acting Association Administrator for Policy and Plans.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-277]

Peco Energy Company; Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 2; Notice of Partial Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has partially denied a request by PECO Energy Company (the licensee), for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-44 issued to the licensee for operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit 2, located in York County, Pennsylvania. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 1998 (63 FR 48261).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to add a footnote to TS Section 5.6.5.b.1.

The NRC staff has concluded that a part of the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's partial denial of the proposed change by conference calls on