

of the Service with recommendations on ways to improve the response and reaction to customers in the local jurisdiction, and to develop new partnerships with local officials and community organizations to build and enhance a broader understanding of immigration policies and practices. The purpose of this notice is to announce the forthcoming meeting.

**DATES AND TIMES:** The Fifth meeting of the DACOIM is scheduled for January 28, 1999, at 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Meeting Hall, 134 Jackson Street, Hempstead, New York, 11550.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York, 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings will be held tri-annually on the fourth Thursday during the months of January, May, and September 1999.

### Summary of Agenda

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct general business, review subcommittee reports, and facilitate public participation. The DACOIM will be chaired by Charles Troy, Assistant District Director for Management, New York District, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

### Public Participation

The DACOIM meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify the contact person at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting for consideration by the DACOIM. Written statements should be sent to Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York, 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736. Only written statements received by 5 p.m. on January 22, 1999, will be considered for presentation at the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting can be obtained by contacting Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York, 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736.

Dated: January 8, 1999.

**Doris Meissner,**

*Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Parole Commission

#### Sunshine Act Meeting; Record of Vote of Meeting Closure (Public Law 94-409) (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552b)

I, Michael J. Gaines, Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, was present at a meeting of said Commission which started at approximately nine-thirty a.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The purpose of the meeting was to decide two appeals from the National Commissioners' decisions pursuant to 28 CFR 2.27. Three Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum when the vote to close the meeting was submitted.

Public announcement further describing the subject matter of the meeting and certifications of General Counsel that this meeting may be closed by vote of the Commissioners present were submitted to the Commissioners prior to the conduct of any other business. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the following Commissioners voted that the meeting be closed: Michael J. Gaines, Edward F. Reilly, Jr., and John R. Simpson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I make this official record of the vote taken to close this meeting and authorize this record to be made available to the public.

Dated: January 6, 1999.

**Michael J. Gaines,**

*Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.*

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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. Jackson Valley Energy Partners, L.P.

[Docket No. M-98-106-C]

Jackson Valley Energy Partners, L.P., 4655 Coal Mine Road, P.O. Box 1066, Ione, California 95640 has filed a

petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 77.502 (electric equipment; examination, testing, and maintenance) to its Jackson Valley Open Pit Mine (I.D. No. 04-05157) located in Amador County, California. The petitioner requests a variance to operate typical shops where welding and normal maintenance is done without conducting mandatory monthly inspections required for electrical circuits and breakers for maintenance shops. The shops include the normal 120 volt outlets and 480 volt circuit for welders and air compressors. The petitioner states that the electrical circuits in these shops originate in the cogeneration plant which has a complete grounding system and ground fault system that protect from any and all ground fault conditions; and that the lack of monthly inspections would in no way create situations that would compromise the safety of the employees.

##### 2. Clinchfield Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-107-C]

Clinchfield Coal Company, P.O. Box 7, Dante, Virginia 24237 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1(a) (canopies or cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its McClure No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 44-04946) located in Dickenson County, Virginia. The petitioner proposes to operate self-propelled electric face equipment without canopies or cabs. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

##### 3. The Ohio Valley Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-108-C]

The Ohio Valley Coal Company, 56854 Pleasant Ridge Road, Alledonia, Ohio 43902 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1) and (b)(4) (weekly examination) to its Powhatan No. 6 Mine (I.D. No. 33-01159) located in Belmont County, Ohio. Due to deteriorating roof and rib conditions in certain areas of the intake air course, traveling the affected area would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to establish evaluation and monitoring stations instead of examining seals and traveling the entry in its entirety; to maintain the evaluation and monitoring stations in safe travelable condition; to have a certified person take readings for methane, oxygen, and air quantity at the evaluation and monitoring stations for each shift during pre-shift examination, and record the results of the readings on a date board at the evaluation and

monitoring stations with the date, time, and their initials. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 4. Meadow River Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-109-C]

Meadow River Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 7, Dante, Virginia 24237 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Meadow River No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-03467) located in Fayette County, Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use belt entry as an intake airway. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide detection system in all belt entries used as intake air courses as an early warning carbon monoxide detection system. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 5. Eastern Associated Coal Corp.

[Docket No. M-98-110-C]

Eastern Associated Coal Corp., PO Box 1990, Henderson, Kentucky 42420 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Harris No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01271) located in Boone County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a threaded ring and spring-loaded device instead of a padlock on the battery plug connectors for mobile battery-powered machines to prevent the plug connector from accidentally disengaging while under load. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in 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.

#### 6. The Ohio Valley Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-111-C]

The Ohio Valley Coal Company, 56854 Pleasant Ridge Road, Alledonia, Ohio 43902 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 Powhatan No. 6 Mine (I.D. No. 33-01159) located in Belmont County, Ohio. The petitioner seeks to amend the previously granted petition to include the use of a high voltage shearer. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method

would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 7. G & S Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-112-C]

G & S Coal Company, 21 E. Wood Street, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Buck Mt. Slope (I.D. No. 36-08498) 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.

#### 8. White County Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-98-113-C]

White County Coal Corporation, PO Box 457, Carmi, Illinois 62821 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Pattiki Mine (I.D. No. 11-02662) located in White County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to use a round eye bolt snap device instead of the presently approved bolt and nut system to secure screw caps in place on plugs of battery operated scoops and tractors. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide no less protection for securing the plugs.

#### 9. Snyder Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-114-C]

Snyder Coal Company, Box 93, RD #2, 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 N and L Slope (I.D. No. 36-02203) located in Northumberland 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.

#### 10. Primrose Coal #2

[Docket No. M-98-115-C]

Primrose Coal #2, 475 High Road, Ashland, Pennsylvania 17921 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its Buck Mountain Vein Slope (I.D. No.

36-08698) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative methods of construction using wooden materials of moderate size and weight due to the difficulty in accessing previously driven headings and breasts containing inaccessible abandoned workings; a design criteria in the 10 psi range; and installed in pairs permit the water trap to be installed only in the gangway seal and sampling tube in the monkey seal. 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 February 16, 1999. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: January 6, 1999.

**Carol J. Jones,**

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

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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. Mallie Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-91-C]

Mallie Coal Company, Inc., Rt. 1 Box 173, Woodbine, Kentucky 40771 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Mine No. 4 (I.D. No. 15-17603) located in Knox County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use one twenty or two ten pound portable chemical fire extinguishers on each Mescher Jeep. If two fire extinguishers are used, one ten pound extinguisher would be mounted in the operator's deck with the other mounted