

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[NAFTA—3866]

Furniture Crafters, Grants Pass, Oregon; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on April 24, 2000, in response to a worker petition which was filed by a company official on behalf of its workers at Furniture Crafters, Grants Pass, Oregon.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 9th day of June, 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[NAFTA—03881]

Johnson Controls, Incorporated, Goshen, Indiana; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), and in accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), an investigation was initiated on May 1, 2000 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Johnson Controls, Incorporated, Goshen, Georgia.

In a letter dated May 31, 2000, the petitioners requested that the petition for NAFTA-TAA be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of June 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Mine Safety and Health Administration****Petitions for Modification**

The following party has filed petitions to modify the application of the existing safety standard under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Anthracite Underground Rescue, Inc.

[Docket Nos. M-2000-057-C through M-2000-083-C]

Anthracite Underground Rescue, Inc., 44 Crescent Street, Tremont, Pennsylvania 17981 has filed petitions to modify the application of 30 CFR 49.2 (availability of mine rescue teams) on behalf of the following Anthracite Underground Mines: (1) M & H Coal Co., (I.D. No. 36-01920), Docket No. M-2000-057-C; (2) UAE Coalcorp Assoc. (I.D. No. 36-07838), Docket No. M-2000-058-C; (3) M & M Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08744), Docket No. M-2000-059-C; (4) H & R Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08288), Docket No. M-2000-060-C; (5) AL Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-07018), Docket No. M-2000-061-C; (6) West End Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-07859), Docket No. M-2000-062-C; (7) Three W-M Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08806), Docket No. M-2000-063-C; (8) Summit Anthracite, Inc., (I.D. No. 36-07328), Docket No. M-2000-064-C; (9) Snyder Rattling Run (I.D. No. 36-08713), Docket No. M-2000-065-C; (10) Snyder Coal Company, N&L Slope (I.D. No. 36-02203), Docket No. M-2000-066-C; (11) S & M Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-02022), Docket No. M-2000-067-C; (12) R S & W Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-01818), Docket No. M-2000-068-C; (13) Rhen Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08031), Docket No. M-2000-069-C; (14) R & D Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-02053), Docket No. M-2000-070-C; (15) Primrose Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08698), Docket No. M-2000-071-C; (16) Nowacki Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-07592), Docket No. M-2000-072-C; (17) Morgan Run Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08559), Docket No. M-2000-073-C; (18) Little Rock Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08320), Docket No. M-2000-074-C; (19) Little Buck Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08568), Docket No. M-2000-075-C; (20) Jordan Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-07681), Docket No. M-2000-076-C; (21) Joliett Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08702), Docket No. M-2000-077-C; (22) H L & W Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-07269), Docket No. M-2000-078-C; (23) B & L Coal

Company (I.D. No. 36-08498), Docket No. M-2000-079-C; (24) FKZ Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08637), Docket No. M-2000-080-C; (25) DJT Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-08454), Docket No. M-2000-081-C; (26) D & D (I.D. No. 36-08341), Docket No. M-2000-082-C; and (27) Chestnut Coal Company (I.D. No. 36-07059), Docket No. M-2000-083-C. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit the reduction of two mine rescue teams with five members and one alternate each, to two mine rescue teams of three members with one alternate for either team for the Anthracite Underground Mines listed above. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing 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 July 31, 2000. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,

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 existing safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Plateau Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2000-046-C]

Plateau Mining Company, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (weekly examination) to its Star Point No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 42-00171) located in Carbon County, Utah. Due to deteriorating roof and rib conditions in a portion of the Star Point No. 2 Mine, the petitioner proposes to establish check points to examine the affected area instead of traveling the area in its entirety, and to evaluate the evaluation points on a weekly basis. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard and that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

2. Bowie Resources, Ltd.

[Docket No. M-2000-047-C]

Bowie Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 1488, 1720 4010 Drive, Paonia, Colorado 81428 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Bowie Mine (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use a 460 KW, 480 volt, wye connected diesel powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment throughout the mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. Bowie Resources, Ltd.

[Docket No. M-2000-048-C]

Bowie Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 1488, 1720 4010 Drive, Paonia, Colorado 81428 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 Bowie Mine (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use a 460 KW, 480 volt, wye connected diesel powered generator to move and operate electrically powered mobile equipment and stationary equipment throughout the mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

4. Bowie Resources, Ltd.

[Docket No. M-2000-049-C]

Bowie Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 1488, 1720 4010 Drive, Paonia, Colorado 81428 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.500(d) (permissible electric equipment) to its Bowie Mine (I.D. No. 05-04591) located

in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use the following nonpermissible low-voltage or battery powered electronic testing and diagnostic equipment in by the last open crosscut: lap top computers, oscilloscopes, vibration analysis machines, cable fault detectors, point temperature probes, infrared temperature devices, resistance measurement devices, recorders, pressure and flow measurement devices, current measurement devices, signal analyzer devices, thickness gauges, power analyzers, component testers, electronic tachometers, and volt ohm meters. The petitioner has listed in this petition for modification specific procedures that would be followed when using this equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

5. Bowie Resources, Ltd.

[Docket No. M-2000-050-C]

Bowie Resources, Ltd., P.O. Box 1488, 1720 4010 Drive, Paonia, Colorado 81428 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002-1(a) (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Bowie Mine (I.D. No. 05-04591) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use the following nonpermissible low-voltage or battery powered electronic testing and diagnostic equipment in by the last open crosscut: lap top computers, oscilloscopes, vibration analysis machines, cable fault detectors, point temperature probes, infrared temperature devices, resistance measurement devices, recorders, pressure and flow measurement devices, current measurement devices, signal analyzer devices, thickness gauges, power analyzers, component testers, electronic tachometers, and volt ohm meters. The petitioner has listed in this petition for modification specific procedures that would be followed when using this equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

6. Alex Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-051-C]

Alex Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 857, Summersville, West Virginia 26651 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 Jerry Fork Eagle Mine (I.D. No. 46-

08787) located in Nicholas County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage longwall mining equipment, with the nominal voltage of the longwall power circuits not to exceed 4,160 volts. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

7. Perry County Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-2000-052-C]

Perry County Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 5001, Hazard, Kentucky 41702 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1911(d) (fire suppression systems for diesel-powered equipment and fuel transportation units) to its Eas #1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-02085) located in Perry County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use either manual fire suppression actuators or the automatic fire suppression system, without the automatic engine shut-down portion, on the 35 ton locomotives and the 12 ton locomotives which haul coal and empty mine cars for all rail haulage. The petitioner asserts that if the diesel locomotive engines were to shut down, the brakes would lock up, causing the coal cars to create a train reaction and derail the locomotive causing injury to the locomotive operator. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

8. Rustler Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2000-053-C]

Rustler Coal Company, 66 South Tremont Street, Zerbe, Pennsylvania 17981 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 49.2(b) (availability of mine rescue teams) to its Orchard Slope Mine (I.D. No. 36-08346) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit the reduction of two mine rescue teams with five members and one alternate each, to two mine rescue teams of three members with one alternate for either team. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and members of the rescue team and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

9. Wayne Processing, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-054-C]

Wayne Processing, Inc., 22 Hampton Road, Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Spruce Fork Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 46-08622) located in Upshur County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow air coursed through belt haulage entries to be used to ventilate active working places. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide detection system in all belt entries at certain locations as an early warning fire detection system. The petitioner also proposes to adhere to other conditions. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

10. RAG Cumberland Resources LP

[Docket No. M-2000-055-C]

RAG Cumberland Resources LP, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 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 Cumberland Mine (I.D. No. 36-05018) located in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests that the Proposed Decision and Order (PDO) for its previously granted petition, docket number M-92-99-C, be amended. The petitioner requests that Item #29 of the PDO be amended to allow the widths and lengths of its panels to be increased, and that Item #31 of the PDO be amended to read as follows: A primary escapeway maintained in accordance with 30 CFR 75.380 shall be provided on the headgate end of all longwall panels. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

11. Dominion Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-2000-056-C]

Dominion Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 70, Vansant, Virginia 24656 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 77.214(a) (refuse piles; general) to its Dominion Mine No. 22 (I.D. No. 44-06645) located in Buchanan County, Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow abandoned mine openings to be covered with coarse refuse material for the Dominion Mine No. 22, MSHA Site ID #1211-VA5-0335-01. The petitioner proposes to construct a refuse bench fill in abandoned mine openings using the specific plans and procedures outlined in this petition for modification. The petitioner asserts that the proposed

alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

12. Basic Mining Corp.

[Docket No. M-2000-084-C]

Basic Mining Corp., P.O. Box 1197, Vansant, Virginia 24656 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 Mine No. 2 (I.D. No. 44-05032) located in Dickenson County, Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit its Joy 21 SC Shuttle Cars, Joy 14CM Miners, and Long Airdox LRB15A Roof Drills to be operated without canopies. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety of the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

13. FMC Corporation

[Docket No. M-2000-003-M]

FMC Corporation, P.O. Box 872, Green River, Wyoming 82935 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.22305 (approved Equipment (III mines)) to its Westvaco Mine (I.D. No. 48-00152) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The petitioner proposes to use a cordless drill or other equivalent drills to install surveying spads in the mine roof to minimize the potential of developing cumulative trauma disorders in the wrists, elbows, and shoulders of the surveyors. The petitioner states that methane will be tested before using the drills and if one percent or more of methane is found, drilling will not begin and that drilling will cease if one percent or more of methane is found during drilling. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

14. Greer Industries, Inc., d/b/a Deckers Creek Limestone Company and Green Limestone Company

[Docket No. M-2000-004-M]

Greer Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 1900, Morgantown, West Virginia 26507-1900 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR part 48 (training and retraining of miners working at surface mines and surface areas of underground mines) to the Deckers Creek Limestone Company, Deckers Creek Mine (I.D. No. 46-00029) and the Greer Limestone Company, Greer Mine and Mill (I.D. No. 46-00016) both

located in Monongalia County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow over-the-road contracted delivery trucks used to ship limestone material to go to an underground stockpile area to be loaded for a limited time and purpose. The petitioner states that the truck drivers would not be allowed out of their trucks at any time while receiving their load, the Greer Industries alternative safety plan would provide adequate protection to ensure the safety of all contracted delivery trucks drivers, and that all delivery truck drivers would receive site specific hazard training. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

15. Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc. [Docket No. M-2000-005-M]

Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Kearny, Arizona 85237 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.9360 (shelter holes) to the Asarco Mineral Creek Water Diversion Tunnel at the Asarco Ray Complex (I.D. No. 02-00150), P.O. Box 8, Hayden, Arizona 85236, located in Pinal County, Arizona. The petitioner proposes to construct a tunnel 18 feet, 10 inches in diameter using a CTS Tunnel Boring Machine, Model 490-013, with ground support provided by the installation of segmented 6-inch ring steel flush to the excavated circumference. The petitioner states that the tunnel boring process, a 24-inch elevated conveyor will run from the Tunnel Boring Machine trailing gear to the portal and mounted to the rib and narrow gauge, 36-inch rails will run down the center of the tunnel, pedestrian traffic within the tunnel will be limited to necessary personnel for periodic inspections and/or maintenance; Asarco's production area will not be a part of the tunnel; and all miners at Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc. will be transported to the face by rail-mounted conveyance. The petitioner asserts the proposed alternative method would allow for the use of Safety Platforms instead of shelter-holes and would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing 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 July 31, 2000. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 19, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Cooperative Agreement for Continued Management of ArtsLink

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notification of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts is requesting proposals leading to one (1) award of a Cooperative Agreement to a nonprofit organization for continued management of ArtsLink. ArtsLink is a public-private partnership that offers opportunities for artistic exchange between the United States and the countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. The project awards grants to U.S. artists and arts organizations, and supports residencies. The work includes managing all phases of proposal review, artists and residency placements, and the financial award process, including the management of logistical arrangements for residencies, in regard to participants' arrival, lodging, and transfer to host organization locations. The successful recipient of the Cooperative Agreement will be expected to contribute matching funds of at least \$75,000. Those interested in receiving the Solicitation package should reference Program Solicitation PS 00-07 in their written request and include two (2) self-addressed labels. Verbal requests for the Solicitation will not be honored. It is anticipated that the Program Solicitation will also be posted on the Endowment's Web site at <http://www.arts.gov>.

DATES: Program Solicitation PS 00-07 is scheduled for release approximately July 17, 2000 with proposals due on August 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the Solicitation should be addressed to the National Endowment for the Arts, Grants & Contracts Office, Room 618, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Hummel, Grants & Contracts

Office, National Endowment for the Arts, Room 618, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20506 (202/682-5482).

William I. Hummel,

Coordinator, Cooperative Agreements.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection activities: Comment Request; Notice.

TITLE: Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this new information collection.

COMMENT DUE DATE: Written comments should be received by August 28, 2000 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 306-1125, or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments from Ms. Suzanne Plimpton, NSF Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 295, Arlington, VA 22230, phone (703) 306-1125. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies. The National Science

Foundation's (NSF) Division of Science Resources Studies (SRS) needs to collect timely data on constant changes in the science and technology sector and to provide the information to policy makers in Congress and throughout the Government. SRS will sponsor quick response surveys and workshops on science and technology subjects, perform cognitive testing to improve survey methodology and questionnaires, and pretest questions for future large-scale surveys.

Expected Respondents

The respondents will be from industry, academia, nonprofit organizations, members of the public, and Federal agencies. Data and information collection will be by mail, Internet, World Wide Web, telephone, visits, and/or workshops. As the table below shows, as many as 355 institutions will be contacted. No institution will be contacted more than twice in one year. Members of the public may be contacted for a survey of public attitudes toward science.

The information from the respondents is needed to provide policy makers with updates of the economic, financial, employment, and education situation in the science and technology sector of industry, academia, and nonprofit organizations. The information will also help NSF improve its current data collection instruments and processes.

To minimize burden on small entities and to make sure that a high proportion of the science and technology universe is captured, most respondent selection will be designed with probability proportional to size. It is possible that during the 3 years of the survey clearance, NSF will study an issue that focuses on small entities, such as start-up high-technology companies. In this case, every effort will be made to use technology to limit the burden on respondents from small entities.

Information being collected is not considered to be sensitive. In general, assurance of data confidentiality will not be provided to respondents to the Generic Survey Clearance of the Science Resources Studies Survey Improvement Projects and Quick Response Studies. Instead, respondents have the option of requesting that any and all data they submit be kept confidential.

Use of the Information

The purpose of these studies is to collect information on the science and technology sector to respond to questions from policy makers and to improve the current NSF science and technology surveys. NSF will publish a separate report on the findings and also