

9. Magic Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2000-130-C]

Magic Coal Company, P.O. Box 1352, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) to its Magic Mine (I.D. No. 15-17071) located in Hopkins County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a spring-loaded device with specific fastening characteristics instead of a padlock to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and permissible mobile powered equipment to prevent accidental separation of the battery plugs from their receptacles during normal operation of the battery equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

10. Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C.

[Docket No. M-2000-131-C]

Mountain Coal Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434 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 West Elk Mine (I.D. No. 05-03672) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage (2,400 volt) cables within 150 feet of pillar workings for continuous miners. The petitioner has listed specific terms and conditions in this petition for using high-voltage cables. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

11. Blue Mountain Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-132-C]

Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., 3607 Co. Rd. 65, Rangely, Colorado 81648 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.352 (return air courses) to its Deserado Mine (I.D. No. 05-03505) located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow a carbon monoxide monitoring system to be installed in the belt entry and primary escapeway as an early warning fire detection system during two-entry longwall development. 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.

12. Peabody Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2000-133-C]

Peabody Coal Company, 1951 Barrett Court, P.O. 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 Camp #11 Mine (I.D. No. 15-08357) located in Union County, Kentucky. The petitioners proposes to use a spring-loaded metal locking device to secure battery connecting plugs to machine-mounted batter receptacles on permissible mobile battery-powered scoop cars and tractors to prevent the cable plug from inadvertently disengaging from the receptacle, instead of using padlocks. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

13. Aracoma Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2000-134-C]

Aracoma Coal Company, P.O. Box 470, Stollings, West Virginia 25646 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 Aracoma Alma Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 46-08801) located in Logan County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a 4,160 volt high-voltage longwall mining system. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

14. Echo Bay Minerals Company, Kettle River Operations

[Docket No. M-2000-009-M]

Echo Bay Minerals Company, Kettle River Operations, 363 Fish Hatchery Road, Republic, Washington 99166 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 49.8 (training for mine rescue teams) to its Lamefoot Mine (I.D. No. 45-03265) and K-2 Mine (I.D. No. 45-03336) located in Ferry County, Washington. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow the company to participate in the Central Mine Rescue (CMR) of Wallace, Idaho, which consists of four training sessions per year, once per quarter, for the team in addition to Annual Refresher and Competition training. The petitioner asserts 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 petitioners 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 27, 2000. Copies of these petitioners are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: October 18, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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BILLING CODE 4510-43-U**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY****Sunshine Act Meeting****TYPE:** Quarterly meeting.**AGENCY:** National Council On Disability.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 522b(e)(1) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, (Pub. L. 94-409).

QUARTERLY MEETING DATES: December 4-6, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark S. Quigley, Public Affairs Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20004-1107; 202-272-2004 (Voice), 202-272-2074 (TTY), 202-272-2022 (Fax).

AGENCY MISSION: The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature of severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspect of society.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Those needing interpreters or other accommodations should notify the National Council on Disability prior to this meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL ILLNESS: People with environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances in order to attend this

meeting. In order to reduce such exposure, we ask that you not wear perfumes or scents at the meeting. We also ask that you smoke only in designated areas and the privacy of your room. Smoking is prohibited in the meeting room and surrounding area.

OPEN MEETING: This quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public.

AGENDA: The proposed agenda includes: Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director

Committee Meetings and Committee Reports

Executive Session (closed)

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

Records will be kept of all National Council on Disability proceedings and will be available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 23, 2000.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (1189)

Date and Time: November 20-21, 2000; 8:00am-5:00pm

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Rooms 310 and 330, Arlington, VA

Type of Meeting: Closed

Contact Person: Sohi Rastegar, Program Director, Biomedical Engineering and Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292-8320.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals received under the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program (Announcement Number NSF 00-89), 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: October 23, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings of the Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems:

Date and Time: November 15, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA.

Contact Person: Dr. Jorn Larsen-Basse, Program Director Surface Engineering and Material Design, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 545, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8360.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY'00 Mechanics and Structures of Materials and Surface Engineering and Material Design Review Panel as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: December 4, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 630, Arlington, VA.

Contact Person: Dr. Ken Chong, Program Director Mechanics and Structures of Materials, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 545, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8360.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY'00 Mechanics and Structures of Materials and Surface Engineering and Material Design Review Panel as part of the selection process for awards.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

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: October 23, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Electric and Communications Systems; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings of the Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems (1196):

Date/Time: November 13, 2000, 8:30 am-5 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate CAREER (MEMS) proposals submitted in response to program announcement (NSF 00-89).

Date: November 14, 2000, 8:30 am-5 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate CAREER (Photonics) proposal submitted in response to program announcement (NSF 00-89).

Place: 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 680, Arlington, VA.

Contact: Dr. Filbert Bartoli, Program Director, Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8339.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

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

Reasons 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: October 23, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Mathematical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis in Mathematical Sciences (1204).