

information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the revision of the American Time Use Survey. This survey collects information on how individuals in the United States use their time. Collection is done on a continuous basis with sample drawn monthly. The survey sample is drawn from households completing their final month of interviews for the Current Population Survey (CPS). Households are selected to ensure a representative demographic sample, and one individual from each household is selected to take part in one Computer Assisted Telephone Interview. The interview asks respondents to report all of their activities for one pre-assigned 24-hour day, the day prior to the interview. A short series of summary questions and CPS updates follows the core time diary collection. After each full year of collection, annual national estimates of time use for an average weekday or weekend day will be available. Eventually, time series data will be available.

Because the ATUS sample is a subset of households completing interviews for the CPS, the same demographic information collected from that survey is available for the ATUS respondents. Comparisons of activity patterns across characteristics such as sex, race, age, and education of the respondent, as well as the presence of children and the number of adults living in the respondent's household are possible.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: American Time Use Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-0175.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Total Respondents: 14,000.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Responses: 14,000.

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,670 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of May, 2004.

Cathy Kazanowski,

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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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. D & D Anthracite Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2004-020-C]

D & D Anthracite Coal Company, 409 W. Centre Street, Donaldson, Pennsylvania 17981 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (Construction of seals) to its Primrose Slope Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-08341) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use wooden materials of moderate size and weight for constructing seals due to the difficulty in accessing previously driven headings and breasts containing inaccessible abandoned workings; to accept a design criteria in the 10 psi range; and to permit the water trap to be installed in the gangway seal and sampling tube in the monkey seal for seals installed in pairs. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Spartan Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2004-021-C]

Spartan Mining Company, HC 78 Box 1800, Madison, West Virginia 25130 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (Installation of electric equipment and conductors; permissibility) to its Laurel Creek Coalburg Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 46-08387) located in Boone County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to transfer high-voltage, 2,400-volt continuous miner equipment from one mine to another mine within the Spartan Mining Company. The petitioner states that all personnel who perform maintenance on the high-voltage continuous miner system will receive training in high-voltage safety, testing, and maintenance procedures; and all personnel who work in proximity of high-voltage equipment or move high-voltage equipment or cable(s)

will receive training, before implementation of the proposed alternative method. The petitioner further states, that the high-voltage continuous mining system will not be put into service until after MSHA has inspected the equipment and determined that it is in compliance with the specific terms and conditions listed 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.

3. KenAmerican Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2004-022-C]

KenAmerican Resources, Inc., 7590 State Route 181, Central City, Kentucky 42330 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1103-4(a) (Automatic fire sensor and warning device systems; installation; minimum requirements) to its Paradise #9 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-17741) located in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to monitor the belt drive, take-up and tailpiece by a monitoring device located in the belt entry not more than 100-feet downwind of the tailpiece, belt drive and take-up in the same split of air where a belt line discharges onto a belt conveyor tailpiece. The petitioner states that its current Carbon Monoxide Monitoring System plan states that: "where carbon monoxide sensors are used, they will be installed where a belt drive discharges onto a belt conveyor tailpiece, and the tailpiece will be monitored by a monitoring device located in the belt entry not more than 100 feet downwind of that tailpiece. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

4. Stillwater Mining

[Docket No. M-2004-005-M]

Stillwater Mining, P.O. Box 1227, Big Timber, Montana 59011 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.9260 (Supplies, materials, and tools on mantrips) to its East Boulder Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 24-01879) located in Sweet Grass County, Montana. The petitioner request a modification of the existing standard to allow a factory designed, commercially marketed Brookville Mining Equipment Corporation Locomotive/Personnel Carrier, equipped with fifteen-person seating, to pull ore or supplies while transporting passengers on the locomotive. 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 petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to comments@msha.gov, by fax at (202) 693-9441, or by regular mail to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before June 28, 2004. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 24th day of May, 2004.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Office of the Federal Register

Agreements in Force as of December 31, 2003 Between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States

AGENCY: Office of the Federal Register, NARA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of agreements.

SUMMARY: The American Institute in Taiwan has concluded a number of agreements with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (formerly the Coordination Council for North American Affairs) in order to maintain cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations between the American people and the people of Taiwan. The Director of the Federal Register is publishing the list of these agreements on behalf of the American Institute in Taiwan in the public interest.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations between the American people and the people of Taiwan are maintained on a non-governmental basis through the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), a private nonprofit corporation created under the Taiwan Relations Act (Pub. L. 96-8; 93 Stat. 14). The Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) was established as the nongovernmental Taiwan counterpart to AIT. On October

10, 1995 the CCNAA was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

Under section 12 of the Act, agreements concluded between AIT and TECRO (CCNAA) are transmitted to the Congress, and according to sections 6 and 10(a) of the Act, such agreements have full force and effect under the law of the United States.

The texts of the agreements are available from the American Institute in Taiwan, 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1700, Arlington, Virginia, 22209. For further information, please telephone (703) 525-8474, or fax (703) 841-1385.

Following is a list of agreements between AIT and TECRO (CCNAA) which were in force as of December 31, 2003.

Dated: May 21, 2004.

Barbara J. Schrage,

Managing Director ad interim, American Institute in Taiwan.

Dated: May 25, 2004.

Raymond A. Mosley,

Director of the Federal Register.

AIT-TECRO Agreements in Force as of December 31, 2003

Status of TECRO

The Exchange of Letters concerning the change in the name of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO). Signed December 27, 1994 and January 3, 1995. Entered into force January 3, 1995.

Agriculture

1. Guidelines for a cooperative program in the agriculture sciences. Signed January 15 and 28, 1986. Entered into force January 28, 1986.

2. Amendment amending the 1986 guidelines for a cooperative program in the agricultural sciences. Effected by exchange of letters September 1 and 11, 1989. Entered into force September 11, 1989.

3. Cooperative service agreement to facilitate fruit and vegetable inspection through their designated representatives, the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Taiwan Provincial Fruit Marketing Cooperative (TPFMC) supervised by the Taiwan Council of Agriculture (COA). Signed April 28, 1993. Entered into force April 28, 1993.

4. Memorandum of agreement concerning sanitary/phytosanitary and agricultural standards. Signed

November 4, 1993. Entered into force November 4, 1993.

5. Agreement amending the guidelines for the cooperative program in agricultural sciences. Signed October 30, 2001. Entered into force October 30, 2001.

Aviation

1. Memorandum of agreement concerning the arrangement for certain aeronautical equipment and services relating to civil aviation (NAT-I-845), with annexes. Signed September 24 and October 23, 1981. Entered into force October 23, 1981.

2. Amendment amending the memorandum of agreement concerning aeronautical equipment and services of September 24 and October 23, 1981. Signed September 18 and 23, 1985. Entered into force September 3, 1985.

3. Agreement amending the memorandum of agreement of September 24 and October 23, 1981, concerning aeronautical equipment and services. Signed September 23 and October 17, 1991. Entered into force October 17, 1991.

4. Air transport agreement, with annexes. Signed at Washington March 18, 1998. Entered into force March 18, 1998.

5. Agreement for promotion of aviation safety. Signed June 30, 2003. Entered into force June 30, 2003.

Conservation

1. Memorandum on cooperation in forestry and natural resources conservation. Signed May 23 and July 4, 1991. Entered into force July 4, 1991.

2. Memorandum on cooperation in soil and water conservation under the guidelines for a cooperative program in the agricultural sciences. Signed at Washington October 5, 1992. Entered into force October 5, 1992.

3. Agreement on technical cooperation in conservation of flora and fauna. Signed April 7, 1999. Entered into force April 7, 1999.

4. Memorandum of understanding concerning cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture. Signed July 30, 2002. Entered into force July 30, 2002.

Consular

1. Agreement regarding passport validity. Effected by exchange of letters of August 26 and November 13, 1998. Entered into force December 10, 1998.

Customs

1. Agreement for technical assistance in customs operations and management, with attachment. Signed May 14 and June 4, 1991. Entered into force June 4, 1991.