

or greater three-phase alternating current belt drive(s) and pump(s) located in the Puncheon Branch Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2004-018-C.

*FR Notice:* 69 FR 27955.

*Petitioner:* Dakota Westmoreland Corporation.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 77.1607(u).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use a portable hydraulic unit (power pack) to tow large trucks in lieu of using a tow bar and safety chain; provide training to operators and mechanics to perform the installations of the pack; and if anything fails, automatically set up haul truck brakes and stop all towing procedures. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Beulah Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Beulah Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2004-021-C.

*FR Notice:* 69 FR 30726.

*Petitioner:* Spartan Mining Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1002.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to transfer high-voltage, 2,400-volt continuous miner equipment from one mine to another mine within the Spartan Mining Company; and to provide training on high-voltage safety, testing, and maintenance procedures to all personnel who perform maintenance on the high-voltage continuous miner system, and who work in proximity to high-voltage equipment or move high-voltage equipment or cable(s), before the proposed alternative method is implemented. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Laurel Creek Coalburg mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Laurel Creek Coalburg Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2004-026-C.

*FR Notice:* 69 FR 43628.

*Petitioner:* Ohio County Coal Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1103-4(a).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to install a carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire detection system near the center and in the upper third of the belt entry in a location that would not expose personnel working on the system to unsafe situations under specific terms and conditions. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Big Run Underground Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of a carbon monoxide monitoring system that identifies the location of sensors in lieu of identifying belt flights at the Big Run Underground Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2004-034-C.

*FR Notice:* 69 FR 46186.

*Petitioner:* Warrior Coal, LLC.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1103-4(a).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to install a low-level carbon monoxide detecting system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries where a monitoring system identifies a sensor location in lieu of identifying each belt flight. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Cardinal Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of a carbon monoxide system that identifies the location of sensors in lieu of identifying belt flights for the Cardinal Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2004-036-C.

*FR Notice:* 69 FR 51863.

*Petitioner:* Warrior Coal, LLC.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1101-1(b).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use the deluge-type water spray systems installed at belt-conveyor drives in lieu of blow-off dust covers for nozzles; and train a person on testing procedures specific to the deluge-type water spray fire suppression system who will once every 7 days (1) conduct a visual examination of each deluge-type water spray fire suppression system, (2) conduct a functional test of the deluge-type water spray fire suppression system by actuating the system and observing its performance, (3) record results of the examinations and test in a book maintained on the surface and made available to interested parties, and (4) immediately correct any malfunction or clogged nozzle that is detected during examination and test. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Cardinal Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for use of the deluge-type water spray systems installed at belt-conveyor drives in lieu of blow-off dust covers for nozzles at the Cardinal Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2004-006-M.

*FR Notice:* 69 FR 35686.

*Petitioner:* Penn Big Bed Slate Company, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 56.19012.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use oversized grooves on the crane drums. The drum grooves are 3/4-inch and Penn Slate uses 5/8-inch wire rope on all of their hoists. The 5/8-inch wire ropes have been used on these drums for more than 70 years and the hoists have operated with no reported accidents or injuries. The hoists transport miners into the pit, and blocks of slate out of the pit. The average slate

block weighs up to 7 tons. The petitioner alleges that the 5/8-inch wire rope does not flatten or restrict the cable. Each year, 30 to 65 feet of wire rope is cut off the working end of the wire rope to ensure that it is safe for continued service. Only during the last year of service is the cable in the grooves used to operate the hoists. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Manhattan Quarry Penn Big Bed Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Manhattan Quarry Penn Big Bed Mine with conditions.

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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. J & J Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2004-046-C]

J & J Coal Company, 678 Main Street, Goodspring, Pennsylvania 17981 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (Construction of seals) to its Rocky Top Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09072) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Petitioner proposes constructing seals from wooden materials of moderate size and weight; designing the seals to withstand a static horizontal pressure in the range of 10 psi; and installing a sampling tube only in the monkey (higher elevation) seal. The petitioner asserts that because of the pitch of anthracite veins, concrete blocks are difficult to use and expose miners to safety hazards during transport. The petitioner cites the low level of explosibility of anthracite coal dust and the minimal potential for either an accumulation of methane in previously mined pitching veins or an ignition source in the gob area as justification for the proposed 10 psi design criterion. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 2. Arclar Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2004-047-C]

Arclar Company, LLC, 420 Long Lane Road, Equality, Illinois 62934 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1909(b)(6) (Nonpermissible

diesel-powered equipment; design and performance requirements) to its Willow Lake Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 11-030054) located in Saline County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to operate its Getman RDG-1504S Road Builder as it was originally designed, without front wheel brakes. The petitioner states that the Getman Road Builder has six (6) wheels and a dual brake system on the four (4) rear wheels and is designed to prevent a loss of braking due to a single component failure. In addition, the petitioner will limit the speed of the equipment to 10 miles per hour; provide training to the operators to recognize appropriate speeds for different road conditions and slopes; and provide training for the operators to lower the grader blade to provide additional stopping capability. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

### 3. Unimin Corporation

[Docket No. M-2004-009-M]

Unimin Corporation, 258 Elm Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 56.13020 (Use of compressed air) to its Marston Plant (MSHA I.D. No. 31-01518) located in Richmond County, North Carolina. The petitioner proposes to implement a clothes cleaning booth process that has been jointly developed with and successfully tested by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), for the use of controlled compressed air for cleaning miners' dust laden clothing. 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 Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>; e-mail: [Comments@MSHA.gov](mailto:Comments@MSHA.gov); Fax: (202) 693-9441; or Regular Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before December 29, 2004. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 22nd day of November 2004.

**Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,**

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

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 04-130]

### Notice of Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** All comments should be submitted within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Ms. Kathy Shaeffer, Mail Code V, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Kathy Shaeffer, Acting NASA Reports Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Mail Code V, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1230, [kshaeff1@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:kshaeff1@hq.nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is requesting renewal of an existing collection that is used to ensure the proper disposition of rights to inventions made in the course of NASA-funded research. With this collection NASA tracks all inventions that are disclosed by grant recipients.

#### II. Method of Collection

NASA utilizes paper and electronic methods to collect information from grant recipients.

#### III. Data

*Title:* Patents—Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

*OMB Number:* 2700-0048.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,128.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Ranges from 1/3 hour to 8 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15,137.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.

### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

**Patricia L. Dunnington,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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