

a wage subsidy to help bridge the salary gap between their old and new employment. To receive the ATAA benefits, workers must be TAA and ATAA certified.

Key workload data on ATAA is needed to measure program activities and to allocate program and administrative funds to the State Agencies administering the Trade programs for the Secretary. States will provide this information on the ATAA Activities Report (ATAAAR).

Regulations published at 617.61 give the Secretary authority to require the States to report the data described in this directive; therefore the respondents' obligation to fulfill these requirements is mandatory.

II. *Review Focus.* Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection of the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Activities Report (ATAAAR), and is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. *Current Actions. Type of Review:* New collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Activities Report (ATAAAR), ETA.

OMB Number: New.

Record Keeping: Respondent is expected to maintain records which support the requested data for three years.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Burden: 50 Responses × 50 minutes = 41.5 hours.

Total Respondents: 50.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 200.

Average Time per Response: 50 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 166.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$120,250.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 7, 2005.

Emily Stover Derocco,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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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. Blue Mountain Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2005-076-C]

Blue Mountain Energy, Inc., 3607 County Road #65, Rangely, Colorado 81648 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.312(c) (Main mine fan examinations and records) to its Deserado Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 05-03505) located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit testing of the automatic fan signal device at least every 31 days without shutting down the fan and without removing miners from the mine. The petition has listed in this petition specific procedures that will be followed when the proposed alternative method is implemented. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Alcoa, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2005-077-C]

Alcoa, Inc., 3990 John D. Harper Road, Rockdale, Texas 76567 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 77.803 (Fail safe ground check circuits on high-voltage resistance grounded systems) to its Three Oaks Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 41-04085) located in Lee and Bastrop Counties, Texas, and its Sandow Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 41-00356) located in Lee and Milam

Counties, Texas. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit disabling the ground fault and ground check circuits while lowering and raising a dragline boom or mast using the dragline on-board generators. The petitioner has listed specific procedures in this petition that will be followed when the proposed alternative method is implemented. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. Advent Mining, LLC

[Docket No. M-2005-078-C]

Advent Mining, LLC, 3603 State Route 370, Sebree, Kentucky 42455 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1101-1(b) (Deluge-type water spray systems) to its Onton #9 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-18547) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method compliance in lieu of using blow-off dust covers for the nozzles of a deluge-type water spray system. 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: zzMSHA-Comments@dol.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 January 18, 2006. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 13th day of December 2005.

Rebecca J. Smith,

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

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 05-20]

Notice of Quarterly Report (July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005)

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SUMMARY: The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is reporting for the quarter July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005, with respect to either assistance provided under Section 605 of the Millennium Challenge Act of

2003 (Pub. L. 108–199, Division D (the Act)), or transfers of funds to other federal agencies pursuant to Section 619 of that Act. The following report shall be made available to the public by means of publication in the **Federal**

Register and on the Internet Web site of the MCC (<http://www.mcc.gov>) in accordance with Section 612(b) of the Act.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 605

| Projects | Obligated | Objectives | Disbursements | Measures |
|--|--------------------|--|---------------|--|
| Country: Madagascar Year: 2005 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$109,773,000 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Madagascar Total Quarterly Disbursement: \$2.475 million | | | | |
| Land Tenure Project | \$36 mil. | Increase Land Titling and Security. | | Legislative proposal (“loin de cadrage”) reflecting the PNF submitted to Parliament and passed. Percentage of land documents inventoried, restored, and/or digitized. Average time and cost required to carry out property-related transactions at the local and/or national land services offices. Time/cost to respond to information request, issue titles and to modify titles after the first land right. Number of land disputes reported and resolved in the target zones and sites of implementation. Percentage of land in the zones that is demarcated and ready for titling. Promote knowledge and awareness of land tenure reforms among inhabitants in the zones (surveys). |
| Finance Project | \$37 mil. | Increase Competition in the Financial Sector. | | Submission to Parliament and passage of new laws recommended by outside experts and relevant commissions. CPA Association (CSC) list of accountants registered. Maximum check clearing delay. Volume of funds in payment system and number of transactions. Public awareness of new financial instruments (surveys). Report of credit and payment information to a central database. Number of holders of new denomination T-bill holdings, and T-bill issuance outside Antananarivo as measured by Central Bank report of redemption date. Volume of production covered by warehouse receipts in the zones. Volume of MFI lending in the zones. MFI portfolio-at-risk delinquency rate. Number of new bank accounts in the zones. |
| Agricultural Business Investment Project. | \$4 mil. | Improve Agricultural Projection Technologies and Market Capacity in Rural Areas. | | Number of rural producers receiving or soliciting information from ABCs about the opportunities. Zones identified and description of beneficiaries within each zone submitted. Number of cost-effective investment strategies developed. Number of plans prepared. Number of farmers and business employing technical assistance received. |
| Program Administration and Control. | \$15.464 mil. | | \$2.475 mil. | n/a. |
| Program Objective | Obligated | Program goal | Disbursements | Measures |

Country: Honduras Year: 2005 Quarter 4 Total Obligation: \$215,000,000
Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Honduras Total Quarterly Disbursement: \$00**

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| Rural Development Project. | \$72 mil. | Increase the productivity and business skills of farmers who operate small and medium-size farms and their employees. | | Hours of technical assistance delivered to Program Farmers (thousands). Funds lent by MCA–Honduras to financial institutions (cumulative). Hours of technical assistance to financial institutions (cumulative). |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|-------|--|

| Program Objective | Obligated | Program goal | Disbursements | Measures |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------|---|
| Transportation Project | \$126 mil. | Reduce transportation costs between targeted production centers and national, regional and global markets. | | Lien Registry equipment installed. Kilometers of farm-to-market road upgraded (cumulative). Kilometers of highway upgraded. Kilometers of secondary road upgraded. Number of weight stations built. |
| Program Administration and Control. | \$12.122 mil. | | \$0 | |

** The compact entered into force on September 30, the last day of the quarter, and therefore no disbursements were made in the quarter.

Transfers under 619b

| U.S. agency to which funds were transferred | Amount | Country | Description of program or project |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| U.S. Agency for International Development | \$60,000,000 | NA | Threshold Program. |

Dated: December 13, 2005.

Frances C. McNaught,

Vice President, Congressional and Public Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Office of the Federal Register

Agreements in Force as of December 31, 2004 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 (Public Law 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, 2004.

Dated: November 22, 2005.

Barbara J. Schrage,

Trustee and Managing Director ad interim, American Institute in Taiwan.

Dated: December 14, 2005.

Raymond A. Mosley,

Director of the Federal Register.

AIT-TECRO Agreements

In Force as of December 31, 2004

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.