

New Mexico. The petitioner states that the miner will wear the M-20 units (MSHA rated at 10 minutes) on their person and a 60 minute unit (the SR-100, EBA 6.5 or equivalent MSHA rated for 60 minutes) on their vehicles or equipment. These units will be located within 300 to 500 feet or 5 minutes maximum of the employee. The combination of devices will be made available to all employees working underground and maintained in good condition. The petitioner further states that: (1) This proposal will satisfy the State Mining Act while enabling the miners to wear an ergonomically suitable SCSR on their belt; (2) the alternative to the smaller M-20 type are bulky and heavy units that will expose the miners to additional risk associated with a large and heavy unit hanging off their belt; and (3) the current MSA W-65 filter self rescuer (Approval No. TC-14G-82) weighs 2.2 pounds, and the smallest SCSR is the SR-100 which weighs 6 pounds and is approximately 2.5 larger than the W-65 filter and is awkward to wear. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

7. Intrepid Potash NM LLC

[Docket No. M-2006-008-M]

Intrepid Potash NM LLC, P.O. Box 101, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-0101 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.15031 (Location of self-rescue devices) to its Intrepid Underground Potash Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 29-00175 (West)) located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The petitioner proposes to use 10-Minute (Oeanco M-20 or equivalent) and 60-Minute Self-Contained Self-Rescuers (SCSRs) in their Underground Potash Mine outside of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The petitioner states that the miner will wear the M-20 units (MSHA rated at 10 minutes) on their person and a 60-Minute unit (the SR-100, EBA 6.5 or equivalent MSHA rated for 60 minutes) on their vehicles or equipment. The units will be located within 200 to 500 feet or 5 minutes maximum of the employee. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

8. Intrepid Potash NM LLC

[Docket No. M-2006-009-M]

Intrepid Potash NM LLC, P.O. Box 101, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-0101 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.15031

(Location of self-rescue devices) to its Intrepid Underground Potash Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 29-00170 (East)) located in Lea County, New Mexico. The petitioner proposes to use 10-Minute (Oeanco M-20 or equivalent) and 60-Minute Self-Contained Self-Rescuers (SCSRs) in their Underground Potash Mine outside of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The petitioner states that the miner will wear the M-20 units (MSHA rated at 10 minutes) on their person and a 60-Minute unit (the SR-100, EBA 6.5 or equivalent MSHA rated for 60 minutes) on their vehicles or equipment. The units will be located within 200 to 500 feet or 5 minutes maximum of the employee. 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 Standards-Petitions@dol.gov. Include "petitions for modification" in the subject line of the e-mail. Comments can also be submitted by fax, regular mail, or hand-delivery. If faxing your comments, include "petitions for modification" on the subject line of the fax. Comments by regular mail or hand-delivery should be submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. If hand-delivered, you are required to stop by the 21st floor to check in with the receptionist. All comments must be postmarked or received by the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before November 2, 2006. Copies of the petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 27th day of September 2006.

Patricia W. Silvey,

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

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Arts Advisory Panel (application review) to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference at the Nancy

Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (EDT) on October 16, 2006. This meeting will be closed.

Closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of February 27, 2006, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: September 27, 2006.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; 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: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (1110).

Date and Time: November 2, 2006; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; November 3, 2006; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 375.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Joanne Tornow, Senior Advisor for Strategic Planning, Policy and Analysis, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Tel No.: (703) 292-8400.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Joint session with the Education and Human Resources Directorate Planning and Issues Discussion:

- BIO Status and FY 078 Budget
- NSF Strategic Plan
- NEON Update
- Committee of Visitors Reports