

Workers' Compensation (DCMWC) each policy and endorsement issued, cancelled, or renewed with respect to responsible operators. It states that this report will be made in such a manner and on such a form as DCMWC may require. The CM-921 is the form completed by the insurance carrier and forwarded to DCMWC for review. It is also required that if a policy is issued or renewed for more than one operator, a separate report for each operator shall be submitted. This information collection is currently approved for use through March 31, 2007.

II. *Review Focus*: The Department of Labor 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*: The Department of Labor seeks approval for the extension of this information collection in order to identify operators who have secured insurance for payment of black lung benefits as required by the Act.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Notice of Issuance of Insurance Policy.

OMB Number: 1215-0059.

Agency Number: CM-921.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; Federal Government and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 60.

Total Responses: 4,000.

Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 667.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$1,880.00.

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: September 28, 2006.

Ruben Wiley,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petition for Modification

The following party has filed a petition to modify the application of an existing safety standard under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and 30 CFR part 44.

Monterey Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2006-066-C]

Monterey Coal Company, 14300 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville, Illinois 62626 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1) (Weekly examination) to its No. 1 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 11-00726) located in Macoupin County, Illinois. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow evaluation points to be used to examine inaccessible areas of the air courses in the same proximate location where the ventilating air enters and exits the inaccessible areas. The petitioner proposes to install an automatic sensing system at the exit points. The petitioner states that: (1) The inaccessible areas of the affected air course have numerous falls up to 50 feet high; (2) rehabilitation of an entry or removal of stoppings to make parallel entries common will be hazardous to miners due to unstable roof conditions; and (3) use of evaluation points and automatic sensors to examine these areas will provide a safe method of examination in the air courses. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Request for Comments

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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.

Cherie A. Hutchison,

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

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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 and 30 CFR part 44.

1. Jim Walter Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2006-062-C]

Jim Walter Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 133, Brookwood, Alabama 35444 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1711-1 (Sealing of shaft openings) to its No. 4 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 01-01247), No. 5 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 01-01322), and No. 7 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 01-01401) all located in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to eliminate the requirement to cap shafts with vent pipes. The petitioner states that in previous experiences of equipping caps with vent pipes, in some instances, methane was believed to have existed within the explosive range immediately beneath the cap and oxygen was present in sufficient quantities to support an ignition or an explosion. The petitioner states that to equip caps with vent pipes will be more detrimental to miners' safety and health than the current proposal. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. Jim Walter Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2006-063-C]

Jim Walter Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 133, Brookwood, Alabama 35444 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1) (Weekly examination) to its No. 7 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 01-01401) located in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to eliminate the requirement to inspect each intake air course in the Western and Eastern areas of the No. 7 Mine. The petitioner states that the affected areas of the mine have fallen into disrepair and it is extremely burdensome and dangerous to rehabilitate each segment of the area because to travel either segment will result in a diminution of safety and health to the miners. The petitioner further states that the fresh air traveling through each segment of the area continues to be necessary to adequately ventilate active workings by diluting and carrying away large quantities of methane and coal dust where miners are working underground. The petitioner proposes to monitor the northern and southern ends of each segment of the mine on a weekly basis to measure air quantity or quality conditions. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard and sealing of the area would reduce ventilation which will result in a diminution of safety to miners.

3. Bridger Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2006-064-C]

Bridger Coal Company, P.O. Box 68, Point of Rocks, Wyoming 82942 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.500(d) (Permissible electric equipment) to its Bridger Underground Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 48-01646) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of non-permissible low-voltage or battery-powered, electronic testing and diagnostic equipment, in or inby the last open crosscut. The petitioner proposes to use the following equipment within 150 feet of pillar workings: Laptop computers, oscilloscopes, vibration analysis machines, cable fault detectors, point temperature probes, infrared temperature devices, insulation testers (meggers), voltage, current and power measurement devices and recorders, pressure flow measurement devices, signal analyzer devices, ultrasonic thickness gauges, electronic component testers, and electronic tachometers, and

other testing and diagnostic equipment if approved in advance by the District Manager. The Petitioner states that due to the size, complexity, and location of the equipment being tested and diagnosed, it is nearly impossible and potentially unsafe to move the equipment at least 150 feet outby the pillar line once the equipment has broken down. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety to the miners and the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard. The petitioner further states that use of non-permissible electronic testing and diagnostic equipment in or inby the last open crosscut would be used with designated restrictions which would at all times guarantee no less than the same level of protection as the standard.

4. Bridger Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2006-065-C]

Bridger Coal Company, P.O. Box 68, Point of Rocks, Wyoming 82942 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (Installation of electric equipment and conductors; permissibility) to its Bridger Underground Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 48-01646) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit use of low-voltage or battery-powered non-permissible, electronic testing, diagnostic equipment, in or inby the last open crosscut. The petitioner proposes to use the following equipment within 150 feet of pillar workings: Laptop computers, oscilloscopes, vibration analysis machines, cable fault detectors, point temperature probes, infrared temperature devices, insulation testers (meggers), voltage, current and power measurement devices and recorders, pressure flow measurement devices, signal analyzer devices, ultrasonic thickness gauges, electronic component testers, and electronic tachometers, and other testing and diagnostic equipment if approved in advance by the District Manager. The petitioner states that application of the existing standard will result in a diminution of safety to the miners because due to the size, complexity, and location of the equipment being tested and diagnosed, it is nearly impossible and potentially unsafe to move the equipment at least 150 feet outby the pillar line once the equipment has broken down. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as

the existing standard. The petitioner further states that use of non-permissible electronic testing and diagnostic equipment in or inby the last open crosscut would be used with designated restrictions which would at all times guarantee no less than the same level of protection as the standard.

5. Mosaic Potash Carlsbad, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2006-006-M]

Mosaic Potash Carlsbad, Inc., P.O. Box 71, 1361 Potash Mines Road, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-0071 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.15031 (Location of self-rescue devices) to its Underground Potash Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 29-00802) located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The petitioner proposes to use 10 minute (Ocenco M-20 or equivalent) on the miner's belt in concert with a 60 minute Self-Contained Self-Rescuer (SCSR) located nearby in their Mosaic Underground Potash Mine. 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.

6. Mosaic Potash Carlsbad, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2006-007-M]

Mosaic Potash Carlsbad, Inc., P.O. Box 71, 1361 Potash Mines Road, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-0071 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.15030 (Provision and maintenance of self-rescue devices) to its Mosaic Underground Potash Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 29-00802) located in Eddy County,

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.

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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