

measure of protection to the miners than would be provided by the existing standard.

Docket Number: M-2008-057-C.

Petitioner: Midland Trail Energy, LLC, 42 Rensford Star Route, Charleston, West Virginia 25306.

Mine: Blue Creek #1 Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 46-09297 and Blue Creek #2 Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 46-09296, located in Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1002 (installation of electric equipment and conductors; permissibility).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of Joy 12CM27 continuous miners which operate at 2,400 volts and offer the following general safety advantages over low-voltage continuous miners: (a) Excessive voltage regulation can result in motor overheating, inadequate motor torque, and excessive wear and tear which can in turn reduce the efficiency and safety of the continuous miner; and (b) safety is diminished as the limits of the available interrupting ratings of circuit breakers at 1,000 volts are encountered. The petitioner's petition addresses: voltage limitation of power circuits; voltage limitation of control circuits; ground-fault protection; circuit testing; short-circuit protection; undervoltage protection; guarding of high-voltage trailing cables; design of high-voltage trailing cables; and repairs to high-voltage trailing cables. Persons may review a complete description of petitioner's alternative method and procedures at the MSHA address listed in this notice. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded affected persons by the 1,000-volt limit imposed under 30 CFR 75.2 and 30 CFR 75.1002.

Docket Number: M-2008-058-C.

Petitioner: Timber Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Sacramento, Pennsylvania 17968.

Mine: Genie Stripping Operation, MSHA I.D. No. 36-09098, located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 77.1200(c) (Mine map).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of cross-sections in lieu of contour lines at regular intervals through the area to be mined. The petitioner states that: (1) Due to the steep pitch encountered in mining anthracite coal veins, contours provide no useful information and their presence would make portions of the map illegible; (2) use of cross-sections in

lieu of contour lines has been practiced since the late 1800's thereby providing critical information relative to the spacing between veins and proximity to other mine workings which fluctuate considerably; and (3) the vast majority of current surface anthracite mining involves either the mining of remnant pillars from previous mining/mine operators or the mining of veins of lower quality in proximity to inaccessible and frequently flooded abandoned mine workings which may or may not be mapped. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will in no way provide less than the same measure of protection than that afforded the miners under the existing standard.

Docket Number: M-2008-006-M.

Petitioner: Solvay Chemicals, Inc., P.O. Box 1167, 400 County Road 85, Green River, Wyoming 82935.

Mine: Solvay Chemicals—Trona Underground Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 48-01295, located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 57.22305 (Approved equipment (III mines)).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of certain non-permissible tools or their equivalent in or beyond the last open crosscut. The petitioner states that: (1) Specifically these tools are CMXA 51-IS Intrinsically Safe (IS) Portable Data Collector/FFT Analyzer; (2) methane levels would be continuously monitored during data collection use by the longwall continuous methane monitors located at the shear, headgate, and tailgate; (3) the continuous methane monitors alarm at 1% methane and de-energize the longwall mining machine at 1.5% methane; (4) methane levels will also be monitored by an appropriate continuous monitoring unit carried by the operator; and (5) methane levels would be measured within 6 inches of the CMXA 51-IS immediately prior to its use. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would guarantee the miners no less than the same measure of protection given to them by the existing standard.

Dated: January 16, 2009.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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Availability of Solicitation for Consensus Building Leader for Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee

AGENCY: United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, Morris K. Udall Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of available solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (U.S. Institute) is soliciting expressions of interest, assurances of availability, statements of qualifications, and cost quotations from highly skilled individuals to provide consensus building services in the capacity of Chair of the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (the Committee).

The Committee is a FACA-exempt, multi-stakeholder committee as described in Section 5018 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA 2007), see <http://www.mrric.org>, composed of representatives from Federal agencies, States, tribes, and non-governmental and local governmental stakeholder interests in the basin. The Committee is a collaborative forum for providing consensus recommendations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on endangered species recovery activities in the Missouri River Basin and the "study" outlined in WRDA 2007. The Chair will assist the Committee in consensus building efforts with support of a facilitation team contracted through the U.S. Institute.

The selected Chair will work in close partnership with the U.S. Institute and facilitation team, the Committee, and representatives from the lead agencies (USACE and USFWS) from May through December of 2009, to convene Committee meetings and support work group activities in order to provide consensus recommendations to the agencies. The work of the contracted Chair will be evaluated before the final Committee meeting of the year (November 2009). If the Committee, the U.S. Institute and the lead agencies agree, the contract will be extended for another year, contingent on the availability of funds from the lead agencies.

The solicitation may be accessed at: <http://www.ecr.gov> and at: <http://www.mrric.org>. This notice invites interested individuals to review the solicitation and provide a description of

their services and expertise as described in the solicitation. If you do not have Internet access to the above sites and wish to receive the solicitation by e-mail, fax or U.S. mail please contact Sarah Palmer at the addresses below.

DATES: Materials must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. MST February 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit materials by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* palmer@ecr.gov.
- *Fax:* 1-520-901-8557.
- *Mail:* U.S. Institute for

Environmental Conflict Resolution;
Attn: Sarah Palmer, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Palmer, Senior Program Manager, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, 130 S. Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701, phone (520) 901-8556, fax (520) 901-8557, palmer@ecr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution is a Federal program established by the U.S. Congress to assist parties in resolving environmental, natural resource, and public lands conflicts. The U.S. Institute is part of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent Federal agency of the executive branch overseen by a board of trustees appointed by the President. The U.S. Institute serves as an impartial, non-partisan institution providing professional expertise, services, and resources to all parties involved in such disputes, regardless of who initiates or pays for assistance. The U.S. Institute helps parties determine whether collaborative problem solving is appropriate for specific environmental conflicts, how and when to bring all the parties to the table, and whether a third-party facilitator or mediator might be helpful in assisting the parties in their efforts to reach consensus or to resolve the conflict. In addition, the U.S. Institute maintains a roster of qualified facilitators and mediators with substantial experience in environmental conflict resolution, and can help parties in selecting an appropriate neutral. For more information on the U.S. Institute, please visit <http://www.ecr.gov>.

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 5601 *et seq.*

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Ellen Wheeler,

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS
ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission for OMB
Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB for approval the information collections described in this notice. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before February 25, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Nicholas A. Fraser, Desk Officer for NARA, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5167; or electronically mailed to Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694 or fax number 301-713-7409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for these information collections on November 20, 2008 (73 FR 70383 and 70384). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collections to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collections:

1. *Title:* Application for attendance at the Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents.

OMB number: 3095-0012.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals, often already working on documentary editing projects, who wish to apply to attend the annual one-week Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents, an intensive seminar in all aspects of modern documentary editing techniques taught by visiting editors and specialists.

Estimated number of respondents: 25.

Estimated time per response: 1.5 hours.

Frequency of response: On occasion, no more than annually (when respondent wishes to apply for attendance at the Institute).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 37.5 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff to establish the applicant's qualifications and to permit selection of those individuals best qualified to attend the Institute jointly sponsored by the NHPRC, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the University of Wisconsin. Selected applicants forms are forwarded to the resident advisors of the Institute, who use them to determine what areas of instruction would be most useful to the applicants.

You can also use NARA's Web site at <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/forms/editing-application.pdf> to review and fill in the application.

2. *Title:* National Historical Publications and Records Commission Grant Program.

OMB number: 3095-0013.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Nonprofit organizations and institutions, state and local government agencies, Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, and individuals who apply for NHPRC grants for support of historical documentary editions, archival preservation and planning projects, and other records projects.

Estimated number of respondents: 148 per year submit applications; approximately 100 grantees among the applicant respondents also submit semiannual narrative performance reports.

Estimated time per response: 54 hours per application; 2 hours per narrative report.

Frequency of response: On occasion for the application; semiannually for the narrative report. Currently, the NHPRC