MSHA will consider only comments postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or proof of delivery from another delivery service such as UPS or Federal Express on or before the deadline for comments. Individuals who submit comments by hand-delivery are required to check in at the receptionist desk on the 21st floor.

Individuals may inspect copies of the petitions and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Barron, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances at 202–693–9447 (Voice), barron.barbara@dol.gov (E-mail), or 202–693–9441 (Telefax). [These are not toll-free numbers].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or other mine if the Secretary determines that: (1) An alternative method of achieving the result of such standard exists which will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners of such mine by such standard; or (2) that the application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine. In addition, the regulations at 30 CFR 44.10 and 44.11 establish the requirements and procedures for filing petitions for modification.

II. Petitions for Modification


Petitioner: Left Fork Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 405, Arjay, Kentucky 40902.

Mine: Straight Creek No. 1 Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 15–12564, located in Bell County, Kentucky.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.507–1(a) (Electric equipment other than power-connection points; outfit the last open crosscut; return air; permissibility requirements).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an increase in the maximum length of trailing cables supplying power to permissible pumps at the mine. The petitioner states that: (1) This petition will apply only to trailing cables supplying three-phase, 480-volt power for permissible pumps; (2) the maximum length of the 480-volt power for permissible pumps will be 2800 feet; (3) the 480-volt power for permissible pump trailing cables will not be smaller than #10 American Wire Gauge (AWG); (4) all circuit breakers used to protect trailing cables exceeding the pump approval length or Table 9 of 30 CFR Part 18 will have an instantaneous trip unit calibrated to trip at 70 percent of phase-to-phase short-circuit current. The trip setting of these circuit breakers will be sealed or locked, and these circuit breakers will have permanent, legible labels. Each label will identify the circuit breaker as being suitable for protecting the trailing cables. This label will be maintained legible. In instances where a 70 percent instantaneous set point will not allow a pump to start, due to motor inrush, a thermal magnetic breaker will be furnished. The thermal rating of the circuit breaker will be no greater than 70 percent of the available short-circuit current and the instantaneous setting will be adjusted to one setting above the motor inrush trip point. This setting will also be sealed or locked; (4) replacement of instantaneous trip units, used to protect pump trailing cables exceeding required lengths of cables, will be calibrated to trip at 70 percent of the available phase-to-phase short-circuit current and this setting will be sealed or locked; (5) permanent warning labels will be installed and maintained on the covers of the power center to identify the location of each sealed or locked short-circuit protection device. These labels will warn miners not to change or alter these short-circuit settings; (6) all future pump installations with excessive cable lengths will have a short-circuit survey conducted and items 1–6 will be implemented. A copy of each pumps short-circuit survey will be available at the mine site for inspection. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection to all miners than is provided by the existing standard.


Petitioner: Rosebud Mining Company, 301 Market Street, Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201.


Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1101–1(b) (Deluge-type water spray systems).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit blow-off dust covers to be removed from the full cone, corrosion resistant open nozzles used on the deluge-type water spray systems. The petitioner states that: (1) Once every 7 days, a person trained in the testing procedures specific to the water deluge-type fire suppression systems utilized at each belt drive will: (a) Conduct a visual examination of each of the water deluge-type fire suppression systems; (b) conduct a function test of the water deluge-type fire suppression systems by actuating the system and observing its performance; and (c) record the results of the examination and functional test, and record any malfunction or clogged nozzle detected in a book maintained on the surface for that purpose. The record will be made available to the authorized representative of the Secretary and retained at the mine for one year; (2) any malfunction or clogged nozzle detected as a result of the weekly examination or functional test will be corrected immediately; (3) the procedure used to perform the functional test will be posted at or near each belt drive that utilizes a water deluge-type fire suppression system; and (4) within 60 days after the Proposed Decision and Order becomes final, the petitioner will submit proposed revisions for its approved 30 CFR Part 48 training plan to the District Manager. These proposed revisions will specify the procedure used to conduct the weekly functional test and initial and refresher training regarding the conditions specified by the Proposed Decision and Order. The petitioner further states that the procedures specified in 30 CFR 48.3 for approval of proposed revisions to already approved training plans will apply. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will guarantee the miners no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners by such standard with no diminution of safety.

Dated: July 12, 2010.

Patricia W. Silvey,
Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification; Correction

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) published a document in the Federal Register of June 17, 2010 concerning petitions for modification of existing safety standards. The document contains an
To protect the interests of the petitioning group, the Department is revising the Notice of Termination and will conduct an investigation to determine whether workers of the subject firm are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of June, 2010.

Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants

AIGNCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Solicitation for Grant Applications.

Announcement Type: New.
Funding Opportunity Number: SGA 10–3BS.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 17.603.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is making $500,000 available in grant funds for educational and training programs to help identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines. The focus of these grants for the fiscal year (FY) 2010 will be on training and training materials for mine emergency preparedness and mine emergency prevention for all underground mines. Applicants for the grants may be States and nonprofit (private or public) entities. MSHA could award as many as 10 separate grants with a 12-month period of performance. The amount of each individual grant will be at least $50,000.00. This notice contains all of the necessary information needed to apply for grant funding.

DATES: The closing date for applications will be August 18, 2010 (no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT). MSHA will award grants on or before September 30, 2010.

APPLICATIONS: Applications for grants submitted under this competition must be submitted electronically using the Government-wide site at http://www.grants.gov. If applying online poses a hardship to any applicant, the MSHA Directorate of Educational Policy and Development will provide assistance to help applicants submit online. MSHA's Web page at http://www.msha.gov is a valuable source of background for this initiative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any questions regarding this solicitation for grant applications (SGA 10–3BS) should be directed to Robert Glatter at glatter.robert@dol.gov or at 202–693–9570 (this is not a toll-free number) or the Grant Officer, Darrell A. Cooper at cooper.darrell@dol.gov or at 202–693–9831 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This solicitation provides background information and the critical elements required of projects funded under the solicitation. It also describes the application submission requirements, the process that eligible applicants must use to apply for funds covered by this solicitation, and how grantees will be selected. Further information regarding submitting the grant application electronically is listed in Section IV.C., Submission Date, Times, and Addresses. This solicitation consists of eight parts:

- Part I provides background information on the Brookwood-Sago grants.
- Part II describes the size and nature of the anticipated awards.
- Part III describes the qualifications of an eligible applicant.
- Part IV provides information on the application and submission process.
- Part V explains the review process and rating criteria that will be used to evaluate applications.
- Part VI provides administration information.
- Part VII contains MSHA contact information.
- Part VIII addresses Office of Management and Budget information collection requirements.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Overview of the Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grant Program

Responding to several coal mine disasters, Congress enacted the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (MINER Act). Section 14 of the MINER Act requires the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to establish a discretionary competitive grant program called the Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants (Brookwood-Sago grants). This program provides funding to educate and train miners to better identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines. This program will use grant funds to establish and implement education and training programs or to create training materials and programs. The MINER Act requires the Secretary to give priority to mine safety demonstrations and pilot projects with broad applicability. It also mandates that the Secretary emphasize programs...