

Petitioner: The Doe Run Company, 6854 Hwy KK, Bunker, Missouri 63629.
Mine: Fletcher Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 23-00409, located in Reynolds County, Missouri.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 57.11052(d) (Refuge areas).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of an alternative method of compliance to maintain compressed air cylinders in lieu of compressed air lines in refuge chambers. The petitioner states that:

(1) The refuge chamber would be provided with compressed air cylinders and a suitable regulator as well as always remain in the fresh air circuit of the mine's ventilation.

(2) Bottled water will be maintained in the refuge chamber in lieu of waterlines as required by the standard.

(3) The refuge chambers are provided as a safety precaution in the event miners are unable to escape from the mine in an emergency.

(4) Three compressed air cylinders and bottled water for the refuge chamber will be available if needed during the mine emergency.

(5) The chamber will always remain in the fresh air, maintaining an acceptable air quality for an indefinite time period. Air and water lines may be damaged in the event of a mine emergency.

The petitioner asserts that having compressed air cylinders, the refuge chamber in the fresh air circuit of mine's ventilation, and bottled water in the chamber, will always guarantee the miners affected no less than the same measure of protection afforded by the standard.

Dated: March 22, 2013.

George F. Triebsch,
Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Lithium Ion Batteries in Transportation Public Forum

On Thursday and Friday, April 11-12, 2013, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will convene a forum titled, "Lithium Ion Batteries in Transportation." The forum will begin at 9:00 a.m. on both days and is open to all. Attendance is free, and no registration is required. The NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman will serve as the presiding officer of the

forum, and all five NTSB Board Members will serve as members of the Board of Inquiry. The forum is organized into three topic areas:

- Lithium ion battery design, development, and use;
- Lithium ion battery regulations and standards; and
- Lithium ion battery applications and safety in transportation.

The NTSB has previously expressed concerns regarding the safe transportation of lithium batteries on aircraft. The presence of and use of lithium ion batteries in transportation is not, however, limited to aviation. Through this forum, the NTSB will highlight the role of lithium ion batteries across all modes of transportation, manufacturing processes, design standards, failure rates, and regulations and other standards associated with their use and shipping.

Expert panelists will include representatives from government agencies, industry suppliers, safety experts, and the research community. Below is the preliminary agenda:

Thursday, April 11 (9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)

1. Opening Statement by Chairman Hersman
2. Introduction of the Officers, technical panel, and panelists
3. Presentations from Panels One and Two and questions from the Officers and Technical Panel
4. Closing statement by Chairman Hersman

Friday, April 12 (9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)

1. Opening Statement by Chairman Hersman
2. Presentations from Panel Three and questions from the Officers and Technical Panel
3. Closing statement by Chairman Hersman

Panel topics will include the following:
 Panel 1—Design, Development, and Use of Lithium Ion Battery Technology
 Panel 2—Regulations and Standards for Lithium Ion Batteries; and
 Panel 3—Lithium Ion Battery Applications and Safety in Transportation.

The full agenda and a list of participants can be found at: www.nts.gov/BatteryForum.

The forum will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L'Enfant Plaza E SW., Washington, DC. The public can view the forum in person or by live Webcast at www.nts.gov. Webcast archives are generally available by the end of the next day following the forum, and Webcasts are archived for a period of 3 months from after the date of the event.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Rochelle Hall at Rochelle.hall@ntsb.gov or by phone at (202) 314-6305 by Monday, April 8, 2013.

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Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: It's Time to Sign Up for Direct Deposit or Direct Express, RI 38-128

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM), offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on revised information collection request (ICR) 3206-0226, It's Time to Sign Up for Direct Deposit or Direct Express. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 2, 2012, at Volume 77 FR 66190, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of OPM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who