

(3) The procedure used to perform the functional test will be posted at or near each belt drive that utilizes a deluge-type water spray fire suppression system.

The petitioner will submit to the District Manager proposed provisions for each applicable 30 CFR part 48 training plan specifying the procedures to be used to conduct the weekly functional test, as well as initial and refresher training (including addressing any necessary conditions specified in the proposed decision and order granting approval).

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection as that afforded by the existing standard.

Docket Number: M-2013-011-M.

Petitioner: Ruby Gold, Inc., P.O. Box 1241, Grass Valley, California 95945.

Mine: Ruby Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 04-03108, located in Nevada County, California.

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

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit 12 gallons of bottled water to be stored inside the refuge chamber of the Ruby Mine for use in an emergency. The petitioner states that:

(1) The mention of waterlines in the standard implies that there must be a steady flow of drinking water from an outside source. The house and fire protection water for the Ruby Mine currently taps a spring located above the portal. This water and conveyance pipeline has not yet been tested for potability.

(2) The refuge chamber is approximately 3,000 feet from the nearest exit at the Ruby portal, running a dedicated potable water line to the refuge chamber will incur considerable expense.

(3) There is no mention of 30 CFR 57.11052 in the Program Policy Manual to provide further guidance to the standard. Procedures pertaining to drinking water are mentioned in 30 CFR 71.602(a) and (b).

(4) Bottled water would be just as safe if not safer than a waterline, because there is a chance that the water can become polluted from some external event such as a fire or some other situation that causes the source of a waterline to become undrinkable or unavailable for any number of possible reasons.

(5) No more than five miners are anticipated to seek refuge in the chamber during a mine emergency. The duration of any mine emergency is not expected to exceed one or two days.

Each miner would require up to 64 ounces of water per day, so that over a 2-day period five miners would require an aggregate of five gallons of water.

(6) The refuge chamber at the Ruby Mine is expected to be only a temporary facility since a primary project of the current operation is the restoration of a safe and usable second exit for the mine.

(7) The current operations at the mine are extremely low risk for the occurrence of any incident which could require the need to use the refuge chamber for the following reasons:

(a) There are no electrical power lines underground;

(b) No internal combustion equipment is in use underground; and

(c) The tunnel is being rehabilitated. All activities are being conducted in, as well as immediately adjacent to, the sections of the tunnel that have been recently retimbered to provide new and reinforced ground support.

(8) While it appears that the standard in 30 CFR 71.602 provides an acceptable alternative to the use of a dedicated waterline in a refuge chamber, we are respectively requesting a variance of 30 CFR 57.11052(d) so that bottled water may be stored for use in the refuge chamber at the Ruby Mine.

(9) Application of the standard will reduce the safety of the miners affected, as a dedicated waterline extending from the portal to the refuge chamber is subject to interruption and is inherently less safe than sanitary bottled water stored inside the refuge chamber.

(10) An external water supply could be interrupted from any number of conditions within or outside the mine.

(11) The nature of any emergency itself could cause an external water supply to be polluted, choked, or cutoff entirely if the pipeline were to be compromised. If the external supply of water is interrupted for any reason the miners will be at extreme risk with no other sources of drinking water available.

The petitioner further states that:

(1) As an alternative method, a sufficient supply of bottled water stored in the refuge chamber for use in an emergency represents 100 percent certainty that the miners will have sanitary drinking water available to them regardless of the nature of any emergency that might require the use of the refuge chamber.

(2) Bottled water is sanitary and cannot be compromised by any emergency situation outside of the refuge chamber.

(3) By having bottled water stored inside the chamber there is virtually no opportunity for the water supply to be compromised from normal mining

operations (e.g., blasting, scaling, etc.) such as what could potentially occur with an external water line, and thus stored bottled water represents a significant safety improvement.

(4) We understand that the intent of the standard is to provide a supply of drinking water in the event of an emergency that may last for an extended period of time beyond a few days, but as stated, in the event an external water line is compromised then water will be unavailable from the very outset of an emergency let alone whatever may develop over the course of time.

(5) Stored bottled water provides miners with the absolute certainty that water will be available immediately whenever needed, and in the very first hours of an emergency that are often the most critical.

(6) The Ruby Mine is not a shaft that extends vertically to depth. It is a drift mine that extends by way of flat tunnel into the earth laterally to follow the course of ancient river channels. In the event of an emergency requiring the use of the refuge chamber, we believe a rescue can be effected within a relatively short period of time such that any emergency would not have a long duration.

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection as that afforded by the existing standard.

Dated: November 13, 2013.

George F. Triebisch,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Agency Meeting

STATUS: Open.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 21, 2013.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street (All visitors must use Diagonal Road Entrance), Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Quarterly Report on Corporate Stabilization Fund.
2. Board Briefing, Estimated Range of Premiums for the NCUSIF and Assessment for the Corporate Stabilization Fund.
3. NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Credit Union Service Organizations.
4. 2014 Operating Budget.

5. 2014 Overhead Transfer Rate.
6. 2014 Operating Fee Scale.

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Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Proposal Review Panel for Computing Communication Foundations; 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: Site Visit, Proposal Panel Review for Science and Technology Centers—Integrative Partnerships (#1192).

Date/Time: December 3, 2013, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.; December 4, 2013, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; December 5, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Place: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Type of Meeting: Partial Closed.

Contact Person: John Cozzens, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1115, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8910.

Purpose of Meeting: To assess the progress of the STC Award, “Emerging Frontiers of Science of Information”, and to provide advise and recommendations concerning further NSF support for the Center.

Agenda

Monday, December 3, 2012

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Closed. Site Team and NSF Staff meets to discuss Site Visit materials, review process and charge.

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Open. Presentations by Awardee Institution, faculty staff and students, to Site Team and NSF Staff. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.: Closed. Draft report on education and research activities.

Thursday, December 5, 2012

8:30 a.m.–noon: Open. Response presentations by Site Team and NSF Staff Awardee Institution faculty staff to. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

Noon to 3:00 p.m.: Closed. Complete written site visit report with preliminary recommendations.

Reason For Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 13, 2013.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Sunshine Act Meeting; National Science Board**

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business and other matters specified, as follows:

DATE AND TIME: November 21, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

PLACE: These meetings will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rooms 1235, Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must contact the Board Office (call 703-292-7000 or send an email message to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and provide name and organizational affiliation. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk located in the lobby at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

Public meetings and public portions of meetings will be webcast. To view the meetings, go to <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/131121/http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/130509/> and follow the instructions. Please refer to the National Science Board Web site for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>.

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STATUS: Portions open; portions closed.

OPEN SESSIONS:

9:00–9:05 a.m. (Chairman's introduction)

9:05–9:45 a.m. (CPP)

3:30–4:15 p.m. (Plenary)

CLOSED SESSIONS:

7:00–7:45 a.m. (Plenary)

10:00–11:45 a.m. (CPP)

12:45–2:45 p.m. (Plenary executive closed)

2:45–3:15 p.m. (Plenary closed)

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:**Plenary Board Meeting**

Executive Closed Session: 7:00–7:45 a.m. (Reconvening November 15 Meeting)

- Discussion of legislative matters

Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

Open Session: 8:05–9:45 a.m.

- Approval of open CPP minutes for August 2013
- Committee Chairman's remarks—including update on schedule of action and information items for NSB review
- Report on Antarctic site visit
- NSB Information Item: Next Generation National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NG NNIN)

Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

Closed Session: 10:00–11:45 a.m.

- Committee Chairman's remarks
- Approval of closed CPP minutes for August 2013
- NSB Action Item: Operations and Maintenance of the *JOIDES Resolution*
- NSB Action Item: Operations of the High Energy Synchrotron Source

Plenary Board Meeting

Executive Closed Session: 12:45–2:45 p.m.

- Approval of Executive closed session minutes, August and September 2013 meetings
- Approval of honorary award recommendations
- Board member proposal
- Candidate site for 2014 Board retreat and meeting
- Discussion of risks to NSF
- Chairman's remarks

Plenary Board Meeting

Closed Session: 2:45–3:15 p.m.

- Approval of closed session minutes, August 2013 meeting
- Awards and Agreements/Resolutions from CPP