

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 of Labor (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. Petition for Modification

Docket Number: M–2018–017–C.

Petitioner: Raw Coal Mining Company, Inc., 356 South College Avenue, Bluefield, Virginia 24605.

Mine: EDM No. 1 Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 46–09507, located in McDowell County, West Virginia.

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 the removal of blow-off dust covers from nozzles on deluge-type water spray systems.

The petitioner states that:

(1) Sections 75.1101–1 through 75.1101–4 set forth various requirements regarding deluge-type water spray systems; among the requirements there is no mandate to inspect and functionally test those systems. The petitioner conducts a weekly inspection and functional test of the complete deluge-type water spray system at its EDM No. 1 Mine.

(2) Currently, the petitioner complies with the requirements of section 75.1101–1(b) by providing each nozzle with a blow-off cover. The petitioner states that because of the frequent inspections and functional testing of the system, the blow-off dust covers are not necessary because the nozzles can be maintained in an unclogged condition through weekly use. Further, it is burdensome to recap the large number of blow-off dust covers after each weekly inspection and functional test.

(3) Petitioner proposes the following alternative method of achieving the result of the standard in section 75.1101–1(b), insofar as it requires that nozzles be provided with blow-off dust covers:

(a) Continue weekly inspection and functional testing of the complete deluge-type water spray system; and
(b) Remove blow-off dust covers from the nozzles.

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

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Request for Comments on 2018 Federal Cloud Computing Strategy

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is seeking public comment on a draft document titled “2018 Federal Cloud Computing Strategy.”

DATES: The public comment period on the draft memorandum begins on September 24, 2018, and will last for 30 days. The public comment period will end on October 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should provide comments at the following link: <https://cloud.cio.gov/>. The Office of Management and Budget is located at 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Hunt at ofcio@omb.eop.gov or the Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer at (202) 395–3080.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is proposing a new Federal Cloud Computing Strategy (“Cloud Smart”) to increase cloud adoption across the Federal portfolio. As part of the President’s Management Agenda, the U.S. Government has committed to modernize legacy technology and leverage leading practices from industry to improve citizen services, reduce operational costs, and enhance the security of the Federal enterprise. The 2018 Federal Cloud Computing Strategy, “Cloud Smart,” an update of the original Cloud approach, addresses gaps in previous guidance, embraces new capabilities, and provides an end-to-end strategy to accelerate transformation.

This new, transformative strategy focuses on three key inter-related areas—security, procurement, and workforce—necessary to drive cloud adoption through building knowledge in government and removing burdensome policy barriers. This strategy will be available for review and public comment at <https://cloud.cio.gov/>.

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Office of Government Information Services

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Chief FOIA Officers Council Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of Chief FOIA Officers Council meeting.

SUMMARY: OGIS and the Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, announce a second 2018 meeting of the Chief FOIA Officers Council.

DATES: The meeting will be Thursday, October 4, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT. Please register for the meeting no later than October 2, at 5:00 p.m. EDT (registration information below).

Location: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW; William G. McGowan Theater; Washington, DC 20408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Murphy, by mail at National Archives and Records Administration; Office of Government Information Services; 8601 Adelphi Road—OGIS; College Park, MD 20740–6001, by telephone at 202–741–5772, or by email at martha.murphy@nara.gov, with the subject line “Chief FOIA Officers Council.” To request additional accommodations (e.g., a transcript), email ogis@nara.gov or call 202–741–5770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(k)). The Chief FOIA Officers Council is co-chaired by the Directors of OIP and OGIS. Among the purposes of the Chief FOIA Officers Council is developing