

(m) Based on chemical laboratory analysis, the belt has been confirmed to be Part 18 compliant. The belt, however, has not been tested for Part 14 compliance due to Rockwell Mining's difficulty in finding an appropriate testing facility.

(5) Rockwell Mining has investigated and determined an alternative method of achieving the desired result of Part 14, which is the reduction of potential belt fires and exposure to fire hazards.

The petitioner proposes the following alternative method:

- Prior to a qualified person entering the mine, the CO system will be monitored for two hours for any sign of combustion. At the end of coal transport each day, the CO system will be monitored for 4 hours for any signs of combustion (e.g., CO or smoke detection by CO monitors on the belt).
- A daily functional (bump) test of at least one sensor will be conducted for CO in addition to the weekly functional test required under 30 CFR 75.1103–8. A different sensor will be bump tested each day. In addition, CO monitors will be installed every 300 feet, instead of the 1,000 feet required by current law.
- Training for miners on location of Part 18 belt and interim safety measures being taken herein and revised training on the requirements of 30 CFR 75.1502, as appropriate.
- An immediate functional test of the fire suppression system along with additional tests conducted weekly. A daily visual inspection of all fire suppression systems will be conducted by a qualified person.
- Install a “waterwall system” every 900 feet, which will be tapped into the CO monitoring system. The waterwall will activate at 50 ppm of CO. The waterwall will provide 50 psi and 45 GPM of water curtain from roof to floor and rib to rib.
- Cameras will be installed every 1,000 feet to allow continuous visual monitoring of the belt configuration including before examiners enter the mine.
- Existing heat sensors will be utilized every 125 feet to continually monitor the beltline to detect potential heat sources.
- The belt will be cleared of coal and during examination will run empty. Examinations generally take less than 1 hour with the belt running approximately 8 to 9 hours a day.
- All examiners are trained and will continue to be trained monthly on the locations and use of escapeways, manddoors, SCSR caches, lifelines, and

fire suppression and fire-fighting equipment in the mine.

- No motors or electrical equipment will be added and no changes will be made to the belt configuration or layout that would add motors or belt drives underground while this petition for modification is in effect.
- The examiner will enter the mine from the Harris Portal, the downwind side so that the examiner is traveling towards the fan. From entries 75 to 11, the examiner will be traveling into fresh air. From crosscut No. 11 to the Rocklick Portal, fresh air will come from behind the examiner for those 11 breaks.
- The examiners will be trained to immediately notify the dispatcher in the event of CO detection. Radio contact is established throughout the Tunnel Mine. Should a fire be encountered and not extinguished according to applicable law, the examiner will withdraw from the Tunnel Mine and notify MSHA as required under applicable law.
- If the CO system is down, the belt will not operate until necessary repairs have been made to the CO system.
- As the belt is repaired and sections replaced, Part 14 belt will be used. In 2019, about 2,000 feet of the belt are expected to be replaced.
- While rock-dusting and most maintenance is conducted on the beltline, the belt will not be in operation.
- Petitioner will continue annual x-ray examinations.
- All necessary repair and replacement belt will be Part 14 compliant.

The petitioner asserts that these alternative methods will guarantee no less than the same measure of protection from the potential hazards for which 30 CFR 75.1108(c) was intended to guard against.

**Sheila McConnell,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2006–0028]

#### **MET Laboratories, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add one additional test standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards.

**DATES:** Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before March 27, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronically:* You may submit comments and attachments electronically at: <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

*Facsimile:* If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

*Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service:* When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2006–0028, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3653, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Docket Office's normal business hours, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and OSHA docket number (OSHA–2006–0028). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

*Extension of comment period:* Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before March 27, 2019 to the Office of Technical

Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693-1644.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

*Press inquiries:* Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693-1999; email: [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

*General and technical information:* Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693-2110 or email: [robinson.kevin@dol.gov](mailto:robinson.kevin@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Notice of the Application for Expansion**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is providing notice that MET Laboratories, Inc. (MET), is applying for expansion to the current recognition as a NRTL. MET requests the addition of one test standard to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR

1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within a scope of recognition. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides a preliminary finding. In the second notice, the agency provides a final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL, including MET, which details the NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

MET currently has one facility (site) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with headquarters located at: MET Laboratories, Inc., 914 West Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21230. A complete list of MET's scope of recognition is available at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/met.html>.

**II. General Background on the Application**

MET submitted an application, dated November 8, 2016 (OSHA-2006-0028-0041), to expand recognition to include four additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application. OSHA published a **Federal Register** notice (83 FR 5813) announcing this application, but referenced one standard as being recognized by OSHA when that standard is not currently included in the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. OSHA further published a **Federal Register** notice (83 FR 22291) granting recognition for the three additional standards requested in the application. This notice revises the previous **Federal Register** notice for the one remaining standard.

Table 1, below, lists the appropriate test standard found in MET's application for expansion for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN MET'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 61010-2-020 * .....	Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use—Part 2-020: Particular Requirements for Laboratory Centrifuges.

\* Represents the standard that OSHA proposes to add to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards.

**III. Proposal To Add New Test Standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards**

Periodically, OSHA will propose to add new test standards to the NRTL list of appropriate test standards following an evaluation of the test standard document. To qualify as an appropriate test standard, the agency evaluates the document to (1) verify it represents a product category for which OSHA requires certification by a NRTL, (2) verify the document represents an end product and not a component, and (3) verify the document defines safety test specifications (not installation or operational performance specifications).

OSHA becomes aware of new test standards through various avenues. For example, OSHA may become aware of new test standards by: (1) Monitoring notifications issued by certain Standards Development Organizations; (2) reviewing applications by NRTLs or applicants seeking recognition to include new test standards in their scope of recognition; and (3) obtaining notification from manufacturers, manufacturing organizations, government agencies, or other parties. OSHA may determine to include a new test standard in the list, for example, if the test standard is for a particular type of product that another test standard

also covers or it covers a type of product that no standard previously covered.

In this notice, OSHA proposes to add one new test standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. Table 2, below, lists the test standard that is new to the NRTL Program. OSHA preliminarily determined that this test standard is an appropriate test standard and proposes to include it in the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. OSHA seeks public comment on this preliminary determination.

TABLE 2—PROPOSED LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN MET’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 61010–2–020 .....	Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use—Part 2–020: Particular Requirements for Laboratory Centrifuges.

**IV. Preliminary Findings on the Application**

MET submitted an acceptable application for expansion of the scope of recognition. OSHA’s review of the application file, and pertinent documentation, indicate that MET can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding recognition to include the addition of the test standard for NRTL testing and certification listed above. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of MET’s application.

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether MET meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of NRTL recognition. OSHA additionally welcomes comment on the proposal to add one additional test standard to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request, by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer time period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if the request is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, at the above address. These materials also are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA–2006–0028.

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner. After addressing the issues raised by these comments, the agency will make a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health regarding MET’s application for expansion of the scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**.

**IV. Authority and Signature**

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational

Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 4, 2019.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Wage and Hour Division**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Proposed Extension; Information Collections: Employment Information Form**

**AGENCY:** Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension of the information collection request (ICR) titled, “Employment Information Form.” This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. A copy of the proposed information request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before May 13, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Control Number 1235–0021, by either one of the following methods: *Email:* [\[dol.gov\]\(http://dol.gov\); \*Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier:\* Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.](mailto:WHDPRAComments@</a></p>
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*Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Waterman, Compliance Specialist, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693–0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889–5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. *Background:* The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the Department of Labor administers the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. 201, *et seq.*, which sets the Federal minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and youth employment standards of most general application. See 29 U.S.C. 206; 207; 211; 212. FLSA requirements apply to employers of employees engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for interstate commerce and of employees in certain enterprises, including employees of a public agency; however, the FLSA contains exemptions that apply to employees in certain types of employment. See 29 U.S.C. 213, *et al.* FLSA section 11(a) provides that the