

earned at start of employment. The last module will be accessible by internal DOL/VETS staff who wish to extract data entered in the first two modules mentioned above. DOL staff should be able to view logs of data entered in the system, create a data extract, and view canned reports created from either module.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Exiting service members participating in the United States Department of Defense (DOD) Pre-separation Counseling of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) who complete documentation.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Data securely stored in the system will include personal characteristics, various services received from Employment Navigators and/or TAP partners, employment outcome data, and PII required to match to NDNH for employment status and earnings.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Data stored in this system include those captured by Employment Navigators and/or TAP partner entities at the time of service. Additional employment and earnings data will come from the NDNH.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Each record maintained in the system will represent one transitioning service member/recently separated veteran. Routine uses for Employment Navigators and Tap partners include data entry for services received, and employment outcomes. DOL staff will utilize the system for outcome analysis, research and return on investment calculations.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:**

Records will be stored electronically in a secure environment.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:**

Retrieval of records will only be conducted by DOL staff and approved contractors who pass a data sensitivity training module. Retrieval and analysis will be done according to: rank, military branch, military occupation specialty, employment status, quarterly earnings, and/or length of military service.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:**

Records are retained indefinitely.

**ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:**

The system will require a username and password for all users. The system will also feature cloud-based security protocols, and servers will be located in a secure physical location.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

A request for access should be mailed or emailed to the system manager.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

A petition for amendment should be mailed or emailed to the system manager.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Inquiry requests should be mailed or emailed to the system manager.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

**HISTORY:**

A 60-day notice has been published to the **Federal Register**, and is available to be viewed here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/07/29/2020-16378/agency-information-collection-activities-comment-request>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

**Petition for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards**

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a summary of a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the party listed below.

**DATES:** All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before June 9, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments including the docket number of the petition by any of the following methods:

1. *Electronic Mail:* [zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov). Include the docket number of the petition in the subject line of the message.

2. *Facsimile:* 202-693-9441.

3. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, Virginia 22202-5452, Attention: S. Aromie Noe, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk in Suite 4E401. Individuals may inspect copies of the petition and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above.

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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** S. Aromie Noe, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9440 (voice), [noe.song-ae.a@dol.gov](mailto:noe.song-ae.a@dol.gov) (email), or 202-693-9441 (facsimile). [These are not toll-free numbers.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification.

**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 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. The application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine.

In addition, sections 44.10 and 44.11 of 30 CFR establish the requirements for filing petitions for modification.

**II. Petition for Modification**

*Docket Number:* M-2021-006-C.  
*Petitioner:* Patton Mining, LLC., P.O. Box 457, Hillsboro Illinois (ZIP 62049).  
*Mine:* Deer Run Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 11-03182, located in Montgomery County, Illinois.

*Regulations Affected:* 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance); and 18.35(a)(5)(i) (Portable (trailing) cables and cords).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of 30 CFR

75.503 to increase the maximum length of trailing cables supplying power to permissible equipment used in continuous mining sections.

Specifically, the petitioner requests a modification of 30 CFR 18.35(a)(5)(i) to permit an increase in the maximum length of trailing cables supplying power to roof bolters beyond 500 feet. The petitioner asserts this alternate method of compliance will decrease the likelihood of cable damage and therefore enhance safety for miners handling the cable.

The petitioner states that:

(a) Increasing the length of cable supplying power to the roof bolter machines will reduce the frequency that a section power center must be advanced, and thus, lessen handling of the cable, decrease the opportunities for cable damage, and minimize exposure to the miners handling the cable.

The petitioner proposes the following:

(a) This petition shall apply only to trailing cables supplying three-phase, 995-volt power to roof bolters.

(b) The maximum length of the 995-volt trailing cables shall be 950 feet.

(c) The 995-volt trailing cables shall not be smaller than #2 American Wire Gauge (AWG).

(d) A Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories 751A ("SEL-751A") overcurrent protection relay will be used, and a designated official of Patton Mining, LLC shall manage the password protected settings.

(e) All circuit breakers used to protect #2 AWG trailing cables exceeding 700 feet in length shall have instantaneous trip units calibrated to trip at 800 amperes. The trip setting of these circuit breakers shall be password protected, and these circuit breakers shall have permanent, legible labels. Each label shall identify the circuit breaker as being suitable for protecting #2 AWG cables. This label shall be maintained legible.

(f) Replacement instantaneous trip units that are used to protect #2 AWG trailing cables, shall be calibrated to trip at 800 amperes, and this setting shall be password protected.

(g) During each production day, persons designated by the operator shall visually examine the trailing cables to ensure that the cables are in safe operating condition.

(h) Any trailing cable that is not in safe operating condition shall be removed from service immediately and shall be repaired or replaced.

(i) Each splice or repair in the trailing cables shall be made in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer of the splice or repair materials. The splice or

repair shall comply with 30 CFR 75.603 and 75.604.

(j) Permanent warning labels shall be installed and maintained on the cover(s) of the power center identifying the location of each password protected short-circuit protection device. These labels shall warn miners not to change or alter the short-circuit settings.

(k) The petitioner's alternative method shall not be implemented until miners designated to examine the integrity of the settings, verify the short-circuit settings, examine trailing cables for defects and damage according to the proper procedure have received specified training.

(l) Within sixty (60) days after this petition is granted, the petitioner shall propose revisions to the mine's training plans approved under 30 CFR part 48 and submit the proposed revisions to the Coal Mine Safety and Health District Manager for the area where the mine is located. The training shall include the following elements:

1. Training in mining methods and operating procedures that will protect the trailing cables against damage;

2. Training in the proper procedures for examining the trailing cables to ensure the cables are in safe operating condition;

3. Training in hazards of setting the instantaneous circuit breakers too high to adequately protect the trailing cables; and

4. Training in how to verify the circuit interrupting device(s) protecting the trailing cable(s) are properly set and maintained.

The petitioner asserts that the alternate method proposed will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners under the mandatory standards.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219-0120]

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Occupational Noise Exposure

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce

paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection for Occupational Noise Exposure.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before July 9, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA-2021-0004. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket, with no changes. Because your comment will be made public, you are responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number or confidential business information.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission.

*Written/Paper Submissions:* Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Mail or visit DOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452.

- MSHA will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** S. Aromie Noe, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at [MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov](mailto:MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov)