Phelps, New York, Simmons Grain Co., Salem, Ohio, Super Soy, LLC, Brodhead, Wisconsin, and Tri-State Crush, Syracuse, Indiana. The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by Commerce that imports of organic soybean meal from India were subsidized within the meaning of section 703(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(b)) and sold at LTFV within the meaning of 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission’s investigations and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the Federal Register on November 19, 2021 (86 FR 64956). The Commission conducted its hearing on March 16, 2022. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to §§ 705(b) and 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b) and 19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on May 5, 2022. The views of the Commission are completed and filed its determinations pursuant to §§ 705(b) and 19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on May 5, 2022. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5321 (May 2022), entitled Organic Soybean Meal from India: Investigation Nos. 701– TA–667 and 731–TA–1559 (Final).

By order of the Commission.

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William Bishop,

Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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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 a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the party listed below.

DATES: All comments on the petitions must be received by MSHA’s Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before June 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA–2022–0026 by any of the following methods:

2. Fax: 202–693–9441.
3. Email: petitioncomments@dol.gov.

Attention: S. Aromie Noe, 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. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9455 to make an appointment, in keeping with the Department of Labor’s COVID–19 policy. Special health precautions may be required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Aromie Noe, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202–693–9440 (voice), Petitionsformodification@dol.gov (email), or 202–693–9441 (fax). [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 40 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–2022–011–M,


Mine: Goldrush Mine, MSHA ID No. 26–02822, located in Eureka County, Nevada.

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

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of 30 CFR 57.11052(d) to permit the use of sealed purified drinking water in lieu of providing potable water through waterlines in the existing refuge chambers and future refuge chambers and locations.

The petitioner states that:

(a) The mine is an underground portal gold mine with three refuge chambers located throughout the underground portion of the mine. In the refuge areas, drinkable water is supplied via commercially purchased water in sealed pouches.

(b) The refuge chambers are MineARC refugee chambers and are made out of steel.

(c) The refuge chambers are equipped for a maximum capacity of 16 miners each. The capacity of the three underground refuge chambers exceeds the normal work crew of approximately 40 miners underground on any shift.

(d) Each refuge chamber is provided with a waterline. The water flowing through these lines is not potable due to the configuration of the waterlines and the water source. Installing waterlines to provide potable drinking water to each refuge chamber is not feasible due to the lack of essential infrastructure.

(e) The waterlines are susceptible to damage during an emergency and under normal working conditions. The water supply could be cut off completely.

(f) In an emergency, there can be no guarantee of potable drinking water via the waterline for miners using the refuge area. Application of the standard could adversely impact the safety of the affected miners if they were to rely on waterlines running from the portal to the refuge chambers, as these lines are subject to interruption and are inherently less safe than sanitary sealed water pouches located inside the refuge chambers. Sealed water stored inside each refuge chamber ensures that affected miners will have sanitary drinking water available to them in an emergency.

(g) The refuge chambers at the mine are portable. Allowing the use of refuge chambers which do not have to be connected to waterlines provides greater flexibility in the location of the refuge chambers. Refuge chambers can be located in direct relation to where miners are working and relocated quickly to working areas as needed for the protection of miners.
The petitioner proposes the following alternative method:

(a) Drinking water will be supplied via commercially purchased water in sealed containers. The water is supplied by the case and packaged into 4.227 fluid ounce/125 milliliter portions with 50 individual portion sizes per case.

(b) At a minimum, the refuge chamber will be supplied with 2.25 quarts of water per day per person for 36 hours. A minimum of 52 liters of water will be provided.

(c) The water will have a maximum shelf life of 3.5 years. The operator will replace the existing water supply with fresh water before the water’s expiration date. The condition and quantity of water will be confirmed by inspection on no less than a monthly basis.

(d) Written instructions for conservation of water will be provided with the refuge chamber supplies.

(e) All miners affected will receive training in the operation of the refuge chamber and will receive refresher training annually.

(f) The refuge chamber will be inspected monthly and documented by the Mine Manager or the Manager’s designee.

The petitioner asserts that the alternative method proposed will have no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners under the mandatory standard.

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of 30 CFR 57.11052(d) to permit the use of sealed purified drinking water in lieu of providing potable drinking water through waterlines in the existing refuge chambers and future refuge chambers and locations.

The petitioner states that:

(a) The Mine is an underground gold mine with eight refuge chambers located throughout the underground portion of the mine. In the refuge areas, drinking water is supplied via commercially purchased water in sealed pouches.

(b) Seven of the eight refuge chambers are MineARC refuge chambers and are made out of steel. One refuge chamber is built into the rock underground and is encased in shotcrete.

(c) Seven chambers are equipped for a maximum capacity of 16 miners each, and the remaining one chamber is equipped for a maximum capacity of 40 miners. The total capacity of the eight refuge chambers exceeds the normal work crew of approximately 75 miners underground on any shift.

(d) Each refuge chamber is provided with a waterline. The water flowing through these lines is not potable due to the configuration of the waterlines and the water source. Installing waterlines to provide potable drinking water to each refuge chamber is not feasible due to the lack of essential infrastructure.

(e) The waterlines are susceptible to damage during an emergency and under normal working conditions. The water supply could be cut off completely.

(f) In an emergency, there can be no guarantee of potable drinking water via the waterline for miners using the refuge area. Application of the standard could adversely impact the safety of the affected miners if they were to rely on waterlines running from the portal to the refuge chambers, as these lines are subject to interruption and are inherently less safe than sanitary sealed water pouches located inside the refuge chambers. Sealed water stored inside such refuge chambers ensures that affected miners will have sanitary drinking water available to them in an emergency.

(g) Seven of the eight chambers at the mine are portable. Allowing the use of refuge chambers that do not have to be connected to waterlines provides greater flexibility in the location of the refuge chambers. Refuge chambers can be located in direct relation to where miners are working and relocated quickly to working areas as needed for the protection of miners.

The petitioner proposes the following alternative method: