

the gunboat to transport persons, the petitioner proposes to use an increased rope strength safety factor and secondary safety connections which are securely fastened around the gunboat and to the hoisting rope above the main connecting device. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Southern Utah Fuel Company

[Docket No. M-94-183-C]

Southern Utah Fuel Company, 397 South 800 West, Salina, Utah 84654 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its SUFCO Mine (I.D. No. 42-00089) located in Sevier County, Utah. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage (2400 volts) cable to power longwall equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Mt. Top Coal Company

[Docket No. M-94-184-C]

Mt. Top Coal Company, P.O. Box 71, Tower City, Pennsylvania 17980 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (preshift examination) to its Buck Mt. Slope (I.D. No. 36-07359) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to examine each seal for physical damage from the slope gunboat during the preshift examination after an air quantity reading is taken in by the intake portal and to test for the quantity and quality of air at the intake air split locations off the slope in the gangway portion of the working section. The petitioner proposes to physically examine the entire length of the slope once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

8. Mt. Top Coal Company

[Docket No. M-94-185-C]

Mt. Top Coal Company, P.O. Box 71, Tower City, Pennsylvania 17980 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b) (1), (4) and (5) (weekly examination) to its Buck Mt. Slope (I.D. No. 36-07359) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Due to hazardous conditions and roof falls, certain areas of the intake haulage slope and primary escapeway cannot be traveled safely. The petitioner proposes

to examine these areas from the gunboat/slope car with an alternative air quality evaluation at the section's intake level, and to travel and thoroughly examine these areas for hazardous conditions once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

9. Mt. Top Coal Company

[Docket No. M-94-186-C]

Mt. Top Coal Company, P.O. Box 71, Tower City, Pennsylvania 17980 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(a) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Buck Mt. Slope (I.D. No. 36-07359) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use only portable fire extinguishers to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars, and other water storage are not practical. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

10. Mt. Top Coal Company

[Docket No. M-94-187-C]

Mt. Top Coal Company, P.O. Box 71, Tower City, Pennsylvania 17980 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200(d) & (i) (mine map) to its Buck Mt. Slope (I.D. No. 36-07359) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use cross-sections instead of contour lines through the intake slope, at locations of rock tunnel connections between veins, and at 1000-foot intervals of advance from the intake slope and to limit the mapping of mine workings above and below to those present within 100 feet of the vein being mined except when veins are interconnected to other veins beyond the 100-foot limit through rock tunnels. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

11. Mt. Top Coal Company

[Docket No. M-94-188-C]

Mt. Top Coal Company, P.O. Box 71, Tower City, Pennsylvania 17980 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its Buck Mt. Slope (I.D. No. 36-07359) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6

months, as required, and to update maps daily by hand notations. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

12. Knott County Mining Company

[Docket No. M-94-189-C]

Knott County Mining Company, P.O. Box 2805, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.900 (low- and medium-voltage circuits serving three-phase alternating current equipment; circuit breakers) to its Hollybush Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-15289) and its Brimstone Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-16893), both located in Knott County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use contactors for undervoltage protection instead of using circuit breakers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

13. Pluess-Staufer (California), Inc.

[Docket No. M-94-47-M]

Pluess-Staufer (California), Inc., P.O. Box 825, Lucerne Valley, California 92356 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 56.13020 (use of compressed air) to its Limestone Plant (I.D. No. 04-00167) located in San Bernardino County, California. The petitioner proposes to establish blow-off stations with a low pressure (2-6 psi) compressed airflow at various areas in the plant for employees to blow dust off their clothing. The petitioner states that an OSHA-approved nozzle designed to allow normal line pressure to flow across a curved entrance to create a vacuum at the back of the nozzle would be attached to the end of the hose; that rules and procedures for using the blow-off stations would be posted at each station; and that application of the mandatory safety standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before February 16, 1995. Copies of these