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Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Amax Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-116-C]

Amax Coal Company, 9100 East Mineral Circle, Englewood, Colorado 80112 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (weekly examination) to its Wabash Mine (I.D. No. 11-00877) located in Wabash County, Illinois. Due to deteriorating roof and rib conditions and accumulations of water in certain areas of the return air course, the area cannot be traveled safely. The petitioner proposes to establish evaluation points to monitor the affected area. The evaluation points would be established at crosscut #76 at the 3 South/4 East connection to monitor the air entering the Old 3 South/4 East and 5 East from the 3 South/4 East connection point and the Main South, and at crosscuts #186 and #196 in the Main south to monitor the air exiting the area; to have a certified person test for methane and the quantity of air at each station on a weekly basis and to record their initials, date, time, and results of the examinations in a book kept on the surface and made available for inspection by interested persons. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Snyder Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-117-C]

Snyder Coal Company, R.D. #2, Box 93, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200(d) & (i) (mine map) to its N & L Slope (I.D. No. 36–02203) located in Northumberland 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 1,000-foot intervals of advance from the intake slope and to limit the required mapping of mine workings above and below to those present within 100 feet of the

veins 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.

3. Consolidation Coal Company [Docket No. M-95-118-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.804(a) (underground high-voltage cables) to its Robinson Run No. 95 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01318) located in Harrison County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage cables (4,160-volts) with an internal ground check conductor smaller than No. 10 A.W.G as a part of its longwall mining system. The type of cables would be CABLEC/BICC Anaconda brand, 5kV, 3/C, Type SHD+GC; Amercable Tiger brand, 3/C, 5kV, Type SHD-CGC; Pirelli 5kV, 3/C, Type SHD- CENTER-GC; or similar 5,000-volt cable with a center ground check conductor, but otherwise manufactured to the ICEA Standard S-75-381 for Type SHD, three-conductor cables. The petitioner states that the cable construction would be symmetrical 3/C, 3/G, and 1/GC; that the ground check conductor would be an insulated flexible center conductor with a cross-sectional area not less than 1,800 circular mils; that all personnel who perform maintenance on the longwall would receive training in the installation and repair of the cable before the alternative method is implemented; and that proposed revisions for its approved 30 CFR Part 48 training plan would be submitted to the Coal Mine Safety and Health District Manager within 60 days after a decision has been made on this petition and that these revisions would specify task training, including review of the above terms and conditions for the miners affected. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

4. Doverspike Bros. Coal Company, Inc. [Docket No. M-95-119-C]

Doverspike Bros. Coal Company, Inc., R.D. #4, Box 271, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania 15767 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(d)(4) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Dora No. 6 Mine (I.D. No. 36–06583) located in

Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to maintain an alternate escapeway that would have a travelway with a minimum width of four feet and a total of 350 lineal feet instead of the required six-foot-wide escapeway. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

5. Energy West Mining Company [Docket No. M-95-120-C]

Energy West Mining Company, P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.804(a) (underground high-voltage cables) to its Trail Mountain Mine (I.D. No. 42-01211) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification to its previously granted petition, docket number M-94-107-C, to use the Cablec Anaconda Brand 5KV 3/C type SHD+GC, Pirelli 5KV 3/C type SHD-Center-GC, or Tiger Brand 5KV type SHC-CGC on high-voltage longwall equipment, to include its new Trail Mountain Mine. The petitioner states that the Trail Mountain Mine is an extension of the Cottonwood Mine (I.D. No. 42–01944) with similar mining conditions and that mine personnel and mining equipment are systematically being transferred to this new mine as mining reserves are depleted. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Energy West Mining Company [Docket No. M-95-121-C]

Energy West Mining Company, P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(a) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Trail Mountain Mine (I.D. No. 42-01211) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification to its previously granted petition, docket number M-91-092-C, to use fire extinguishers instead of rock dust at temporary electrical installations, to include its new Trail Mountain Mine. The petitioner states that the Trail Mountain Mine is an extension of the Cottonwood Mine (I.D. No. 42-01944) with similar mining conditions and that mine personnel and mining equipment are systematically being transferred to this new mine as mining reserves are depleted. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at