the Stockburg No. 1 Mine with conditions.

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2. Nowacki Coal Company

Nowacki Coal Company, 615 Old 209 Road, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania 18252–9764 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1), (4) and (5) (Weekly examination) to its Nowacki Coal Company Slope (MSHA I.D. No. 36–07592) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to: (i) Preshift examine the intake haulage slope and primary escapeway areas from the gunboat/slope car with an alternative air quality evaluation at the section’s intake gangway level; (ii) travel and thoroughly examine these areas for hazardous conditions once a month; and (iii) have the examiner place the dates, times, and his/her initials at appropriate locations and maintain records of the examination on the surface. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. Nowacki Coal Company

Nowacki Coal Company, 615 Old 209 Road, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania 18252–9764 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002–1 now 75.1002 (Installation of electric equipment and conductors; permissibility) to its (MSHA I.D. No. 36–07592) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification in the application of the existing standard to permit the use of non-permissible electric equipment within 150 feet of the pillar line. The petitioner states that the non-permissible equipment would include drags and battery locomotives due in part to the method of mining used in pitching anthracite mines and the alternative evaluation of the mine air quality for methane on an hourly basis during operation. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to comments@msha.gov, or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before July 28, 2003. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 19th day of June 2003.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,
Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

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

1. Nowacki Coal Company

Nowacki Coal Company, 615 Old 209 Road, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania 18252–9764 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (Preshift examination at fixed intervals) to its Nowacki Coal Company Slope (MSHA I.D. No. 36–07592) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method of examination and evaluation of seals. The alternative method would include a visual examination of each seal for physical damage from the slope gunboat during the pre-shift examination after an air quantity reading is taken just in the intake portal. The petitioner proposes to instruct the examiner to take an additional reading and gas test for methane, carbon dioxide, and oxygen deficiency at intake air split locations just off the slope in the gangway portion of the working section. A record of all readings, gas test results, and his/her initials, date, and time and location of examinations will be available to anyone prior to entering the mine. The petitioner states that regardless of the conditions at the section evaluation point, the entire length of the slope would be traveled and physically examined on a monthly basis. A record of the dates, time, and the initials of the person conducting the examinations will be made available on the surface. The petitioner also states that any hazards would be corrected prior to transporting personnel in the slope. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

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guidelines), an additional forty-five (45) days, until August 22, 2003. OSHA is also announcing that a public stakeholder meeting will be held on September 18, 2003.

DATES: Written Comments: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard Copy: You must submit your comments (postmarked or sent) by August 22, 2003.

Facsimile and electronic transmission: You must submit your comments by August 22, 2003. (Please see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below for additional information on submitting comments.)

Stakeholder meeting: OSHA will hold a half-day stakeholder meeting to discuss the draft guidelines. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Washington, DC.

Interested persons must submit their intention to participate in the stakeholder meeting through express delivery, hand delivery, messenger service, fax or electronic means by August 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES:

I. Submission of Comments and Intention To Participate in Stakeholder Meeting

Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger service: You must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. GE2003–1, Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–2350 (OSHA’s TTY number is (877) 889–5627). The OSHA Docket Office and the Department of Labor’s hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., EST. You need only submit one copy of your intent to participate in the stakeholder meeting by express delivery, hand delivery, or messenger service to the above address.

Facsimile: If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. You must include the docket number of this document, Docket No. GE2003–1, in your comments. You may also fax your intention to participate in the stakeholder meeting.

Electronic: You may submit comments and your intention to participate in the stakeholder meeting through the Internet at http://www.osha.gov. (Please see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below for additional information on submitting comments.)

II. Obtaining Copies of the Draft Guidelines

You can download the draft guidelines for the retail grocery industry from OSHA’s Web page at http://www.osha.gov. A printed copy of the draft guidelines is available from the OSHA Office of Publications, Room N–3101, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, or by telephone at (800) 321–OSHA (6742). You may fax your request for a copy of the draft guidelines to (202) 693–2498.

III. Stakeholder Meeting

The stakeholder meeting will be held at the Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001, telephone (202) 628–2100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Extension of Comment Period

OSHA announced publication of its draft Ergonomics for the Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders: Guidelines for Retail Grocery Stores in the Federal Register on May 9, 2003 (68 FR 25066). In that notice, the Agency provided the public with sixty (60) days to submit written comments, until July 8, 2003. Several interested persons requested that OSHA provide additional time to submit written comments on the draft guidelines. In light of the interest expressed by the public, OSHA is providing an additional forty-five (45) days for comments. Accordingly, written comments must now be submitted by August 22, 2003.

II. Submission of Comments and Internet Access to Comments

You may submit comments in response to this document by (1) hard copy, (2) fax transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA Web page. You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic submission, you must submit three copies of them to the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, subject and docket number so we can attach them to your comments. Because of security-related procedures the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627) for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

All comments and submissions will be available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. Comments and submissions will be posted on OSHA’s Web page at http://www.osha.gov. OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as social security numbers, date of birth, etc. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627) for information about materials not available through the OSHA Webpage and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

III. Stakeholder Meeting

Following the close of the comment period, OSHA will hold a stakeholder meeting in Washington, DC, at the Washington Court Hotel on Thursday, September 18, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Interested parties must submit their intention to participate in the stakeholder meeting by August 22, 2003 to allow the Agency to make appropriate plans for the meeting.

This notice was prepared under the direction of John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health. It is issued under sections 4 and 8 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653,657).

Issued at Washington, DC this 23rd day of June, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03–074)]

NASA Space Science Advisory Committee, Solar System Exploration Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Space Science Advisory Committee (SScAC), Solar System Exploration Subcommittee (SSSES). Check the Federal Register supplement following this notice for details on how to register and attend the meeting.

DATES: Wednesday, July 16, 2003, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, July 17, 2003,