

NPS proposes to amend Chapter 18 to make clear that allowing an interim rate schedule is discretionary and to eliminate the interim appeal right of concessioners regarding selection of comparables.

For these reasons, NPS proposes to amend Chapter 18 by—

(1) Amending the first sentence of the last paragraph of Paragraph D.1.c. to read as follows:

When this situation occurs, the concessioner may, if NPS has reason to consider that a rate increase is warranted under the policies and procedures set forth herein, be allowed a rate based on the previous year's rates, with consideration being given for known cost increases or decreases, i.e., labor costs, or by other expected increases or decreases.

(2) Amending the first paragraph of Paragraph D.2. to read:

In situations where a concessioner is not satisfied with the rates approved by the Superintendent or the adjustment for recouping utility costs, the concessioner may appeal the Superintendent's decision. If not settled at the park level, the concessioner may appeal to the Regional Director.

Dated: January 6, 1995.

**Roger G. Kennedy,**

*Director, National Park Service.*

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**Willow Beach; Development Concept Plan Amendment; Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan; Lake Mead National Recreation Area; Record of Decision**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), and specifically to regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality at 40 CFR 1505.2, the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has approved a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Willow Beach Development Concept Plan Amendment, Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Arizona and Nevada.

The National Park Service will implement the proposed plan as identified in the Final Supplement, issued in October, 1994. Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the Superintendent, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, NV 89005, or by calling the park at (702) 293-8986.

Dated: January 5, 1995.

**Patricia L. Neubacher,**

*Acting Regional Director, Western Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

**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. Eastern Associated Coal Corporation**

[Docket No. M-94-178-C]

Eastern Associated Coal Company, 800 Laidley Tower, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.340(b)(1) (underground electrical installations) to its Lightfoot No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-04332) located in Boone County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a current of air coursed directly into the return aircourse to ventilate the on-board charging of the scoop batteries, but not to ventilate the working places; to have the velocity of intake air used to ventilate the scoop batteries sufficient to prevent smoke rollback or airflow reversal during a fire on the scoop; to install carbon monoxide sensors that are not affected by hydrogen gas, and which are part of the AMS System that meets the requirements of 75.351, over the battery charging unit; to install a mandoor in the permanent stopping behind the battery charger unit, and to provide a way through a heat link to automatically open the mandoor in order to supply the area with a sufficient amount of fresh air over the batteries in the event of a fire and to course air directly to the main return. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

**2. Eastern Associated Coal Corporation**

[Docket No. M-94-179-C]

Eastern Associated Coal Corporation, 800 Laidley Tower, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 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 Lightfoot No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-04332) located in Boone County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use contactors to

provide undervoltage grounded phase protection instead of using circuit breakers, and to use the breakers for short circuit and overcurrent protection. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

**3. Eastern Associated Coal Corporation**

[Docket No. M-94-180-C]

Eastern Associated Coal Corporation, 800 Laidley Tower, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 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 Lightfoot No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-04955) located in Boone County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use contactors to provide undervoltage grounded phase protection instead of using circuit breakers, and to use the breaker for short circuit and overcurrent protection. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

**4. M & H Coal Company**

[Docket No. M-94-181-C]

M & H Coal Company, P.O. Box 559, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002-1 (location of other electric equipment; requirements for permissibility) to its Mercury Slope (I.D. No. 36-01920) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use nonpermissible electric equipment within 150 feet of the pillar line and to suspend equipment operation anytime methane concentration at the equipment reaches 0.5 percent, either during operation or during a pre-shift examination. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

**5. D.G.W. Coal Company**

[Docket No. M-94-182-C]

D.G.W. Coal Company, Box 425-B2, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1400 (hoisting equipment; general) to its No. 7 Vein Slope (I.D. No. 36-07093) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Because of steep, frequently changing pitch and numerous curves and knuckles in the main haulage slope, the petitioner proposes to use the gunboat without safety catches in transporting persons. As an alternative, when using

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

petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: January 10, 1995.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposed Establishment and Organizational Meeting

NSF plans to establish an Ad Hoc Task Force on the Future of the NSF Supercomputer Centers Program in the near future. The Director of the National Science Foundation has determined that the establishment of the proposed committee is necessary and in the public interest. Establishment documents are currently under review by OMB and GSA in accord with Executive Order No. 12838. Details about the proposed establishment are listed below. This notice also announces that NSF will conduct an organizational meeting of the proposed committee on January 30 and its notice appears at the end of this announcement.

Name: Ad Hoc Task Force on the Future of the NSF Supercomputer Centers Program

Purpose: To advise NSF on the future of its Supercomputing Centers Program in the light of the changing nature of the computing and information science and technology fields. Its scope will be limited to NSF's support for advanced computational science.

Expected Duration: It is expected that the Task Force will complete its activities on or before September 30, 1995

Balanced Membership Plans: To attain a balanced point of view, members will be selected from academic institutions and private industry. Six will represent academic institutions, both public and private, one will be a representative from the National Labs, and one will be an industrial member. Membership will also be diverse regarding the perspective towards computational science. There will be representatives from computer science, engineering, and the basic sciences, as well as members experienced in operating modern high performance computing facilities, and administration of research organizations.

Responsible NSF Official: Dr. Robert Borchers, Director, Division of Advanced Scientific Computing, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, 703/306-1970.

### Notice of Organizational Meeting

The National Science Foundation announces the following meeting of the proposed Ad Hoc Task Force on the Future of the NSF Supercomputer Centers Program.

Date and Time: January 30, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 1150, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Richard Kaplan, Program Director, Centers Program, Division of Advanced Scientific Computing, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, 703/306-1970.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Meeting Purpose: The objective of the Task Force is to advise the NSF on the future of its Supercomputing Centers Program in the light of the changing nature of the computing and information science and technology fields. Its scope will be limited to NSF's support for advanced computational science. This meeting is to organize and set the agenda for subsequent meetings.

Agenda: January 30, 1995:

AM—Introductory Remarks and Background  
PM—Discussion on procedures, locations, and agenda for subsequent meetings

Dated: January 10, 1995.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (#1205).

Date and Time: January 26-27, 1995; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 730, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. John Scalzi, Program Director, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1361.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Reason for Late: Difficulty in arranging a suitable meeting date for all panelists.

Dated: January 10, 1995.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Advisory Committee for Engineering; Meeting; Committee of Visitors

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee for Engineering (#1170).

Date and Time: February 2-3, 1995; 8:30 am-5 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 580, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1380.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

Agenda: To provide oversight review of the Engineering Research Centers Program.

Reason for Closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposals actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: January 10, 1995.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (#1756).

Date and Time: February 1-3, 1995; 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Place: Globe, 744 Jackson Place, Washington, DC 20006.

Type of meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Dr. Peter Wilkniss, Global Change Research, Room 1070N, Directorate for Geosciences National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1503.

Purpose of meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals