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Robert B. Reich,

Secretary of Labor.

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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. R. & D. Coal Company

[Docket No. M-95-78-C]

R. & D. Coal Company, 214 Vaux Avenue, Tremont, Pennsylvania 17981 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.332(b)(1) & (b)(2) (working sections and working places) to its Buck Mountain Slope (I.D. No. 36-02053) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use air passing through inaccessible abandoned workings and additional areas by mixing with the air in the intake haulage slope to ventilate the only active workings section, to ensure air quality by sampling intake air during preshift and on-shift examinations, and to suspend mine production when air quality fails to meet specified criteria. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Jericol Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-95-79-C]

Jericol Mining, Inc., General Delivery, Holmes Mill, Kentucky 40843 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710 (canopies or cabs; electric face equipment) to its No. 2 Darby Mine (I.D. No. 15-16627) located in Harlan County, Kentucky. Due to the fluctuating height of the seam, the petitioner proposes to operate the Simmons Rand Model 828 battery powered coal haulers and the Simmons Rand 488 scoop without canopies. The petitioner asserts that compliance with the mandatory standard would diminish the safety of miners.

3. Andalex Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-95-80-C]

Andalex Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 711, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.325(b) (air quantity) to its Island Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-17515) located in Hopkins

County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to determine the volume of air at alternate locations on a working section and in areas where mechanized mining equipment is being installed or removed. The petitioner proposes to mine panels by driving a set of entries a specified distance and then drive another set of entries parallel and adjoining the first set; and to measure the air volume in the panels at the location indicated on the diagram accompanying the petition. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

4. Andalex Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-95-81-C]

Andalex Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 711, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360(c)(1) (pre-shift examination) to its Island Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-17515) located in Hopkins County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to determine the volume of air at alternate locations on a working section and in areas where mechanized mining equipment is being installed or removed. The petitioner proposes to mine panels by driving a set of entries a specified distance and then drive another set of entries parallel and adjoining the first set; and to measure the air volume in the panels at the location indicated on the diagram accompanying the petition. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

5. Andalex Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-95-82-C]

Andalex Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 711, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.362 (on-shift examination) to its Island Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-17515) located in Hopkins County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to determine the volume of air at alternate locations on a working section and in areas where mechanized mining equipment is being installed or removed. The petitioner proposes to mine panels by driving a set of entries a specified distance and then drive another set of entries parallel and adjoining the first set; and to measure the air volume in the panels at the location indicated on the diagram accompanying the petition. 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 July 17, 1995. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 7, 1995.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 94-45; Exemption Application No. D-09841, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; Bank of Ashland, Inc., et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for