

electric face equipment to be operated without cabs or canopies in mining heights less than 48 inches. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

4. Leeco, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-77-C]

Leeco, Inc., 1374 Highway 192 East, London, Kentucky 40741-3123 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1 (canopies and cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its Mine No. 68 (I.D. No. 15-17497) located in Perry County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to operate self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment without cabs or canopies. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

5. Webster County Coal Corp.

[Docket No. M-98-78-C]

Webster County Coal Corp., 2668 State Route 120 East, Providence, Kentucky 42450 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901(a) (protection of low-and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Dotiki Mine (I.D. No. 15-02132) located in Webster County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow an alternative method for the diesel powered generator system. The petitioner proposes to have the neutral of the wye configured alternator in series between it and the frame of the generator unit with a 480-volt rated resistor that would limit phase-to-frame fault current to 0.5 continuous ampere; to have the neutral of the secondary side of the wye configured 480/995-volt step-up transformer in series between it and the frame of the generator with a 995-volt rated resistor that would limit phase-to-frame fault current to 0.5 continuous ampere; to have the 480-volt rated output of the generator equipped with a sensitive ground fault relay set to cause the circuit breaker(s) to trip and shut down the diesel engine when a phase-to-frame fault of 120 milliamperes occurs; to have a No. 1/0 A.W.G. or larger external ground conductor solidly connected between the frame(s) of the diesel generator and the mining equipment being powered; to have a type SHD-GC power cable from the generator to the equipment with a minimum of 2,000-volt rating, and an MSHA accepted flame-resistant outer jacket; to have shielded cable with strain relief extended between the

generator and the piece of equipment being powered; and to perform a functional test of the ground fault and ground wire monitor systems prior to moving each piece of equipment and upon starting the diesel generator. The petitioner states that the generator system would not be operated until MSHA has inspected the equipment and determined compliance; that all circuits breaker settings would be adjusted to provide short-circuit protection and would not exceed the maximum allowable instantaneous setting specified in 30 CFR 75.601-1; and that all qualified persons would receive specific "hands on" training on proper testing procedures prior to using the diesel generator system; and that the testing procedures would be incorporated in the Part 48 training plans and annual refresher training. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Mississippi Potash, Inc.

[Docket No. M-98-05-M]

Mississippi Potash, Inc., PO Box 101, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11050 (escapeways and refuges) to its Mississippi Potash West Mine (I.D. No. 29-00175) located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The petitioner proposes to use a refuge chamber located 400 feet from the shaft as one of its escapeways in the event of a hoist outage. The petitioner states that the 18,700 cubic foot refuge chamber would be used by a limited number of underground maintenance and production employees to accomplish dead work; that these employees would be working with a normal mantrip hoist operation; and that the refuge chamber would accommodate 45 employees and would be used as an alternate escapeway. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. Colorado Yule Marble Company

[Docket No. M-98-06-M]

Colorado Yule Marble Company, 2800 Midland Avenue, #102, Glenwood, Colorado 81601 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 49.2(f) (availability of mine rescue teams) to its Yule Quarry (I.D. No. 05-04438) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the use of the San Juan Mine Rescue Co-operative rescue team of Ridgeway located 2 to 3 hours

ground travel time from the mine while their rescue team (Roaring Fork Mine Rescue Co-operative) is being established. 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 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, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before October 13, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences, Committee of Visitors; Notice of Meeting

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 Geosciences (1755).

Date and Time: September 30—October 2, 1998, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm each day.

Place: Room 365, National Science Foundation, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open (see Agenda, below).

Contact Person: Dr. Michael R. Reeve, Section Head, Ocean Sciences Division, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1580.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GRPA assessments, and to access privileged materials.

Agenda

Closed: September 30 and October 1, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and October 2 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of the Ocean Sciences Research Section program.

Open: October 2, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Division. This should involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

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

Dated: September 8, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: National Skill Standards Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Skill Standards Board was established by an Act of Congress, the National Skill Standards Act, Title V, Pub. L. 103-227. The 27-member National Skill Standards Board serves as a catalyst for the development and implementation of a national system of voluntary skill standards and certification through voluntary partnerships. These partnerships will have the full and balanced participation of business, industry, labor, education and other key groups.

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 1998, in the Grand Ballroom I Room of the DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport located at 18740 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA.

AGENDA: The agenda for the Board Meeting will include: an update on the Board's Strategic Plan; reports from the Board's committees; presentations from the Voluntary Partnerships—Manufacturing, Installation and Repair (Manufacturing Skill Standards Council) and Retail Trade, Wholesale Trade, Real Estate & Personal Services (Sales and Services); and reports from Convening Groups representing the following industry clusters: Business & Administrative Services; Construction; Education and Training; Finance & Training; Restaurants, Lodging, Hospitality & Tourism, and Amusement

& Recreation; and Telecommunications, Computers, Arts & Entertainment, and Information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Seats will be reserved for the media.) If special accommodations are needed contact Pat Warfield at (202) 254-8628 extension 24.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracy Marshall, Director of Operations at (202) 254-8628 extension 13.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 4th day of September, 1998.

Edie West,

Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318]

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (the licensee) to withdraw its July 26, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-53 and DPR-69 for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Lusby, Maryland.

The proposed amendment would have revised the operating licenses to allow the repair of defected steam generator tubes by electrosleaving.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42276). However, by letter dated August 20, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 26, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated August 20, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Calvert County Library, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of September 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Alexander W. Dromerick,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate I-1, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-003]

Consolidated Edison Company; Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Unit; Notice of Public Meeting

The NRC will conduct a public meeting at Cortlandt Town Hall, 1 Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, New York, on October 7, 1998, to discuss plans developed by Consolidated Edison Company (Con Edison) to decommission the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1. The Indian Point Station, located in Buchanan, New York, includes the permanently shutdown Unit 1 and two operating units, Units 2 and Unit 3. Unit 2 is operated by Consolidated Edison Company, and Unit 3 by New York Power Authority. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00-9:30 p.m., and will be chaired by New York State Assemblywoman Sondra Galef. The public meeting is being held pursuant to the NRC's regulations in 10 CFR 50.82(a)(4) regarding the requirements for the submission of a post-shutdown decommissioning activities report (PSDAR) by the licensee following permanent cessation of operation and the holding of a public meeting by the NRC on the PSDAR. Con Edison submitted a decommissioning plan, which was approved by the NRC in January 1996, prior to the rule change promulgated at 31 **Federal Register** 39301 (July 29, 1996), requiring a PSDAR. Decommissioning plans approved prior to the revision are considered to meet the requirement for a PSDAR and are subject to the revised regulations, including the requirement for a public meeting. The meeting will include a short presentation by the NRC staff on the decommissioning process and NRC programs for monitoring decommissioning activities with attention being given to the licensee's decommissioning plans. There will be a presentation by Consolidated Edison Company on planned decommissioning activities, and there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of NRC staff and Con Edison representatives and make comments on the planned activities. The meeting will be transcribed.