DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Mine Safety and Health Administration

30 CFR Parts 70, 71, 72, 75, and 90
RIN 1219–AB64

Lowering Miners’ Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is extending the comment period on the proposed rule addressing Lowering Miners’ Exposure to Respirable Coal Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors. This extension gives commenters additional time to review and comment on the proposed rule. The proposal was published on October 19, 2010 (75 FR 64412).

DATES: All comments must be received or postmarked by midnight Eastern Daylight Saving Time on May 31, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified with “RIN 1219–AB64” and may be sent by any of the following methods:


• Facsimile: 202–693–9441. Include “RIN 1219–AB64” in the subject line of the message.


• Hand Delivery or Courier: MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia. Sign in at the receptionist’s desk on the 21st floor.


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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roslyn B. Fontaine, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, MSHA, at Fontaine.Roslyn@ dol.gov (E-mail), (202) 693–9440 (Voice), or (202) 693–9441 (Fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Extension of Comment Period

On October 19, 2010 (75 FR 64412), MSHA published a proposed rule, Lowering Miners’ Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors. In response to requests from interested parties, MSHA is extending the comment period from May 2, 2011 to May 31, 2011. All comments and supporting documentation must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2011.

Dated: April 28, 2011.

Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

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30 CFR Parts 75 and 104
RIN 1219–AB75, 1219–AB73

Examinations of Work Areas in Underground Coal Mines and Pattern of Violations

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearings; notice of re-opening and close of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) will hold four public hearings on the Agency’s proposed rules for Examinations of Work Areas in Underground Coal Mines (Examinations of Work Areas) and for Pattern of Violations. Each hearing will cover the major issues raised by commenters in response to the respective proposed rules.

DATES: Hearings will be held on June 2, 7, 9, and 15, 2011, at the locations listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

Post-hearing comments must be received or postmarked by midnight Eastern Daylight Saving Time on June 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments, requests to speak, and informational materials for the rulemaking record may be sent to MSHA by any of the following methods. Clearly identify all submissions with “RIN 1219–AB75” for Examinations of Work Areas in Underground Coal Mines’ submissions, and with “RIN 1219–AB73” for Pattern of Violations’ submissions.


• Facsimile: 202–693–9441.

• Mail or Hand Delivery: MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Room 2350, Arlington, VA 22209–3939. For hand delivery, sign in at the receptionist’s desk on the 21st floor.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Availability of Information

Federal Register Publications: The proposed rule for Examinations of Work Areas in Underground Coal Mines, published on December 27, 2010 (75 FR 81165), and the proposed rule for Pattern of Violations, published on February 2, 2011 (76 FR 5719), are available on http://www.regulations.gov and on MSHA’s Web site at http://www.msha.gov/REGSPROP.HTM.


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II. Public Hearings

MSHA will hold four public hearings on its proposed rules for Examinations of Work Areas in Underground Coal