(2) Major maintenance requiring the raising/lowering of the boom/mast would only be performed on an as needed basis, which could span long periods of time. Therefore, training and review of the procedure would only be conducted prior to this need. At such time, all persons involved in the process would be trained and retrained.

The petitioner states that:

(1) Coyote Creek employees, its contractors, and affected persons will be trained on the requirements of the procedure at the mine.

(2) The procedure will be coordinated by a Coyote Creek Mine maintenance supervisor and, if present, the contractor's representative will assist. At least two MSHA qualified electricians will be present at all times during the procedure.

(3) The number of persons required on board the machine will be limited. An MSHA qualified electrician, dragline operator, and the dragline oiler will be permitted on the machine. The Coyote Creek maintenance supervisor and contractor's representative may either be on board or at a location on the ground to assist in the coordination.

(4) The affected area under the boom will be secured to prevent persons from entering and/or contacting the frame of the machine during the ''boom raising/lowering''. The area will be secured and only those persons identified in Item #3 will be permitted inside the secured area. At no time will anyone be permitted under the boom or close to the boom.

(5) Communication between the dragline operator, the MSHA qualified electrician at the dragline, the MSHA qualified electrician at the substation, the Coyote Creek maintenance supervisor, and the contractor's representative, if present, will be a dedicated channel on the company's two-way radio.

(6) An MSHA qualified electrician will complete an examination of all electrical components that will be energized. The examination will be done within two hours prior to the boom raising/lowering process. A record of this examination will be made available to interested parties. The machine will be deenergized to perform this examination.

(7) After the examination is completed, the electrical components necessary to complete the boom raising/lowering process will be energized to assure they are operating properly as determined by an MSHA qualified electrician. When completed, the machine will be deenergized and locked out.

(8) The ground fault and ground check circuits will be disabled provided:

(a) The internal grounding conductor of the trailing cable has been tested and is continuous from the frame of the dragline to the grounding resistor located at the substation. Utilizing the ground check circuit and disconnecting the pilot circuit at the machine frame, and verifying the circuit breaker cannot be closed, will be an acceptable test. Resistance measurements will also be used to assure the ground conductor is continuous. The grounding resistor will be tested to assure it is properly connected, is not open, or is not shorted.

(b) Normal short circuit protection will be provided at all times. The over current relay setting may be increased up to 100 percent above its normal setting.

(9) During the boom raising/lowering procedure an MSHA qualified electrician will be positioned at the substation dedicated to monitor the grounding circuit. The MSHA qualified electrician will be able to detect a grounded phase condition or an open ground wire condition. The MSHA qualified electrician at the substation will at all times maintain communications with an MSHA qualified electrician at the dragline. If a grounded phase condition or an open ground wire should occur during the process, the MSHA qualified electrician at the substation will notify the MSHA qualified electrician at the dragline. All persons on board the machine must be aware of the condition and must remain on board the machine. The boom must be lowered to the ground or controlled and electrical circuit deenergized, locked and tagged out. The circuit must remain deenergized until the condition is corrected. The ground fault and ground check circuits will be reinstalled prior to reenergizing and testing the machine. Once circuits have been tested and no adverse conditions are present, the boom raising/lowering procedure, as outlined above, will be resumed.

(10) During the construction/maintenance procedure, persons cannot get on or off the dragline while the ground check ground fault circuits are disabled unless the circuit is deenergized, locked and tagged out as verified by the MSHA qualified electrician at the substation.

(11) After the boom raising/lowering is completed, the MSHA qualified electrician at the substation will restore all the protective devices to their normal state. When this has been completed, the MSHA qualified electrician at the substation will notify the dragline that all circuits are in their normal state. At this time normal work procedures can begin.

The petitioner asserts that this proposed alternative method of the existing standard will not result in a diminution of safety to the miners affected.

Dated: April 27, 2015.

Sheila McConnell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Affirmative Decisions on Petitions for Modification Granted in Whole or in Part

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and 30 CFR part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification. This **Federal Register** Notice notifies the public that MSHA has investigated and issued a final decision on certain mine operator petitions to modify a safety standard.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the final decisions are posted on MSHA's Web site at *http://www.msha.gov/indexes/petition.htm.* The public may inspect the petitions and final decisions during normal business hours in MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2349, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All visitors must first stop at the receptionist desk on the 21st Floor to sign-in.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roslyn B. Fontaine, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202–693–9475 (Voice), *fontaine.roslyn@dol.gov* (Email), or 202–693–9441 (Telefax), or Barbara Barron at 202–693–9447 (Voice), *barron.barbara@dol.gov* (Email), or 202–693–9441 (Telefax). [These are not toll-free numbers].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Under section 101 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, a mine operator may petition and the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) may modify the application of a mandatory safety standard to that mine if the Secretary determines that: (1) An alternative method exists that will guarantee no

less protection for the miners affected than that provided by the standard; or (2) that the application of the standard will result in a diminution of safety to the affected miners.

MSHA bases the final decision on the petitioner's statements, any comments and information submitted by interested persons, and a field investigation of the conditions at the mine. In some instances, MSHA may approve a petition for modification on the condition that the mine operator complies with other requirements noted in the decision.

II. Granted Petitions for Modification

On the basis of the findings of MSHA's investigation, and as designee of the Secretary, MSHA has granted or partially granted the following petitions for modification:

- *Docket Number:* M–2014–026–C.
FR Notice: 79 FR 48256 (8/15/2014).
Petitioner: Covol Fuels No. 3, LLC, 10156 US Hwy 25 E, Pineville, Kentucky 40977.
Mine: Crockett, MSHA I.D. No. 15–12682, located in Bell County, Kentucky; Coarse Coal Refuse Fill #5, Site I.D. No. KY07–12682–05.
Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 77.214(a) (Refuse piles; general).

- *Docket Number:* M–2014–031–C.
FR Notice: 79 FR 64623 (10/30/2014).
Petitioner: Sunrise Coal LLC, 12661 Agricare Road, Oaktown, Indiana 47561.
Mine: Oaktown Fuels Mine No. 1, MSHA I.D. No. 12–02394, located in Knox County, Indiana.
Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1700 (Oil and gas wells).

- *Docket Number:* M–2014–032–C.
FR Notice: 79 FR 64623 (10/30/2014).
Petitioner: Sunrise Coal LLC, 12661 Agricare Road, Oaktown, Indiana 47561.
Mine: Oaktown Fuels Mine No. 2, MSHA I.D. No. 12–02418, located in Knox County, Indiana.
Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1700 (Oil and gas wells).

Dated: April 27, 2015.

Sheila McConnell,

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

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n–5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

AGENCY: National Science Board, NSF.

DATE AND TIME: May 5, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and May 6, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT).

PLACE: These meetings will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rooms 1235, Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must contact the Board Office (call 703–292–7000 or send an email message to *nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov*) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and provide name and organizational affiliation. Visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk located in the lobby at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

WEBCAST INFORMATION: Public meetings and public portions of meetings will be webcast. To view the meetings, go to *http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/* and follow the instructions.

UPDATES: Please refer to the National Science Board Web site for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at *http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/.*

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STATUS: Portions open; portions closed.

Open Sessions

May 5, 2015

8:00–8:05 a.m. (Chairman's introduction)
8:05–9:05 a.m. (AO)
10:30–10:45 a.m. (CSB)
10:45–11:15 a.m. (CPP)
11:15–11:55 a.m. (Plenary)

May 6, 2015

10:45–11:25 a.m. (Plenary)
12:30–1:15 p.m. (Plenary)
1:15–3:00 p.m. (SEI)

Closed Sessions

May 5, 2015

9:05–9:35 a.m. (AO)
9:35–10:20 a.m. (CSB)
1:00–3:45 p.m. (CPP)

May 6, 2015

8:00–8:30 a.m. (Plenary executive)
8:30–10:30 a.m. (Plenary)

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Committee on Audit & Oversight (AO)

Open Session: 8:05–9:05 a.m.

- Approval of February 2015 open meeting minutes
- Committee Chairman's opening remarks
- Approval of OIG Semiannual Report materials
- NSF FY 2014 Merit Review Report
- Inspector General's update, including FY 2015 Financial Statement audit plans
- Chief Financial Officer's update
- Committee Chairman's closing remarks

Audit and Oversight Committee

Closed Session: 9:05–9:35 a.m.

- Approval of February 2015 closed meeting minutes
- Committee Chairman's opening remarks
- Discussion of two-month grantee salary policy
- Chairman's closing remarks

Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)

Closed Session: 9:35–10:20 a.m.

- Committee Chairman's remarks
- Approval of CSB closed minutes for the February 2015 meeting and March 2015 teleconference
- NSF FY 2017 budget development
- Performance Improvement Officer update on FY 2015–2017 strategic reviews

Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)

Open Session: 10:30–10:45 a.m.

- Approval of CSB open minutes for February 2015 meeting and open joint CPP/CSB minutes for February 2015
- NSF FY 2016 budget update

Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

Open Session: 10:45–11:15 a.m.

- Approval of open minutes of the February 2015 meeting
- Committee Chairman's remarks
- Information item: Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS)
- Information item: Advanced LIGO

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 11:15–11:35 a.m.

- Presentation by the President of NSB's 2015 Public Service Award recipient, the American Museum of Natural History