

2. PC Contracting, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-114-C]

PC Contracting, Inc., P.O. Box 1630, Barbourville, Kentucky 40906 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4)(i) (Escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) at its PC #2 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-18304) located in Knox County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use two ten-pound portable chemical fire extinguishers in the operator's deck of each Mescher tractor operated at the PC #2 mine. The petitioner states that the equipment operator will inspect each fire extinguisher on a daily basis prior to entering the primary escapeway. The petitioner further states that a record of the daily inspection will be kept at the mine, and a sufficient number of spare fire extinguishers will be maintained at the mine in case a defective fire extinguisher is detected. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. PC Contracting, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-115-C]

PC Contracting, Inc., P.O. Box 1630, Barbourville, Kentucky 40906 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.342 (Methane monitors) at its PC #2 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-18304) located in Knox County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use hand-held continuous-duty methane and oxygen indicators in lieu of machine mounted methane monitors on three-wheel tractors with drag bottom buckets. The petitioner has listed specific terms and conditions that would be followed when implementing its proposed alternative method at the PC #2 Mine. The petitioner asserts that this petition is based on the safety of the miners and not primarily from an economic standpoint and that the proposed alternative method provides no less than the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

4. Energy West Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2002-116-C]

Energy West Mining Company, Box 310, 15 North Main, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (Grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) at its Deer Creek Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 42-00121) located in Emery County, Utah. This standard requires frames of electric equipment to be grounded using approved methods. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the electrical

grounding requirements for portable diesel-driven electric generators to be waived based on the use of ground fault detection, ground wire monitoring and other circuit protection means, such as short circuit, overcurrent and undervoltage protection. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

5. Energy West Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2002-117-C]

Energy West Mining Company, Box 310, 15 North Main, Huntington, Utah 84528 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) at its Deer Creek Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 42-00121) located in Emery County, Utah. This standard requires low- and medium-voltage three-phase alternating-current circuits to contain either a direct or a derived neutral which is grounded through a suitable resistor at the power center. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the electrical grounding requirements for portable diesel-driven electric generators to be waived based on the use of ground fault detection, ground wire monitoring, and other circuit protection means, such as short circuit, overcurrent and undervoltage protection. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

6. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2002-118-C]

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526-9804 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.507 (Power connection points) at its Skyline Mine No. 3 (I.D. No. 42-01566) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow the installation and use of a non-permissible, 4,160-volt AC power submersible pump in a cased borehole which penetrates an abandoned and sealed portion of the Skyline Mine No. 3, Level 2 workings. The petitioner states that the pump will be located above the roof horizon and the electrical components of the pump will be separated from the atmosphere of the sealed and abandoned area, and the pump will be under water continuously where water has accumulated above the level of the roof up into the borehole. The petitioner further states that the electrical equipment that provides power to the

pump is located on the surface. The petitioner asserts that the use of a non-permissible pump will enhance the petitioner's ability to control water levels in abandoned and sealed sections of the mine; that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners; and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

7. H & M Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2002-119-C]

H & M Coal Company, 48 Meadowview Road, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 49.2 (Availability of mine rescue teams) at its Rocky top Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09072) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit the reduction of two mine rescue teams with five members and one alternate each, to two mine rescue teams of three members with one alternate for either team. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

8. H & M Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2002-120-C]

H & M Coal Company, 48 Meadowview Road, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(a) (Quantity and location of firefighting equipment) at its Rocky Top Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09072) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit use of portable fire extinguishers only to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars, and other water storage equipped with three (3) ten quart pails is not practical. The petitioner proposes to use two (2) portable fire extinguishers near the slope bottom, and an additional portable fire extinguisher within 500 feet of the working face for equivalent fire protection for the Rocky Top Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

9. H & M Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2002-121-C]

H & M Coal Company, 48 Meadowview Road, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition