

prevent accidental separation of the battery plugs from their receptacles during normal operation of the battery-powered equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 2 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for use at the No. 2 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-075-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 63166.

*Petitioner:* Knott County Mining Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.503 (18.41(f) of part 18).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use permanently installed, spring-loaded locking devices with specific fastening characteristics, in lieu of padlocks, with its fastening configuration to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile battery-powered the batteries serve. The purpose of the locking device is to prevent accidental separation of the battery plugs from their receptacles during normal operation of the battery-powered equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Mallet Branch Mine, Hollybush Mine, and Mine No. 582. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of permanently installed spring-loaded locking devices in lieu of padlocks on battery plug and receptacle-type connectors for mobile battery-powered equipment at the Mallet Branch Mine, Hollybush Mine, and Mine No. 582 with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-076-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 63166.

*Petitioner:* Coemont Construction, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.503 (18.41(f) of part 18).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use permanently installed spring-loaded locking devices with specific fastening characteristics, in lieu of padlocks, with its fastening configuration to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile battery-powered equipment the batteries serve. The purpose of the locking device is to prevent accidental separation of the battery plugs from their receptacles during normal operation of the battery-powered equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Coemont No. 1 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of permanently installed spring-loaded locking devices in lieu of padlocks on battery plug and receptacle-type connectors for mobile battery-powered equipment at the Coemont No. 1 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-080-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 63166.

*Petitioner:* Kentucky May Mining.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.503 (18.41(f) of part 18).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use permanently installed spring-loaded locking devices with specific fastening characteristics, in lieu of padlocks, with its fastening configuration to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile battery-powered equipment the batteries serve. The purpose of the locking device is to prevent accidental separation of the battery plugs from their receptacles during normal operation of the battery-powered equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Lakeview Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of permanently installed spring-loaded locking devices in lieu of padlocks on battery plug and receptacle-type connectors for mobile battery-powered equipment at the Lakeview Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-083-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 63167.

*Petitioner:* Debra Lynn Coals, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 77.214(a).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to construct a refuse pile over abandoned underground mine works in the Harlan coal bed, and to de-water rock drains from two existing mine adits within the abandoned mine works. Coarse refuse at the Johns Branch Refuse Area will cover the two sealed drift mine openings into the old Golden Glow Coals, Inc. mine in the Harlan coal seam, which dips toward the existing refuse site. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Liggett Preparation Plant and Johns Branch Refuse Area, I.D. No. 1211-KY07-07139-01. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Liggett Preparation Plant and the Johns Branch Refuse Area with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-084-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 66168.

*Petitioner:* H & M Coal Co.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1400(c).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use increased rope strength and secondary safety rope connections on a slope conveyance (gunboat) for transporting persons in lieu of using catches or other no less effective devices. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Rocky Top Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of the hoist conveyance (gunboat) without safety catches at the Rocky Top Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-088-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 66169.

*Petitioner:* Coastal Coal Company, LLC.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 77.214(a).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to construction a refuse pile over abandon mine openings, and to use an existing mine pit as a location for disposal of mine scalp rock. The related refuse are in the Calendonia Pit and the refuse from both the VICC #3 and VICC #8 Coastal Coal Company Mines will be used to fill the pit and reclaim the area that contains two abandoned Eastover Mine Company openings into the Jawbone coal seam. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the VICC #3 Mine and VICC #8 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the VICC #3 Mine and VICC #8 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-102-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 78821.

*Petitioner:* Mallie Coal Company, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use one ten pound or two five pound portable chemical fire extinguishers on each Mescher Jeep used for traveling in the primary escapeway at the Mine No. 6. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Mine No. 6. MSHA grants the petition for modification for Mescher three wheel tractors to be operated in the primary intake escapeway at the Mine No. 6 with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-103-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 78822.

*Petitioner:* Mallie Coal Company, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.342.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use a hand-held continuous multi-gas detector, which detects oxygen, methane, and carbon monoxide in lieu of a machine mounted methane monitor on three-wheel tractors used to load and haul coal from the mine faces. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Mine No. 6. MSHA grants the petition for modification for use at the Mine No. 6 with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-105-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 78822.

*Petitioner:* Mears Enterprises, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1000-2(e)(2).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use two fire extinguishers at all temporary electrical installations in lieu of using one portable fire extinguisher and 240 pounds of rock dust. This is considered an acceptable