

deterioration and roof falls. The petitioner asserts that conducting weekly examinations by traveling the affected area in its entirety would be unsafe and would cause a diminution of safety to the examiner. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Black King I North Portal. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the unsafe-to-travel segment (approximately 4,750 feet) of the South Mains return entries to outcrop for the Black King I North Portal with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2001-124-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 6754.

*Petitioner:* Warrior Coal, LLC.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.350.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use belt air to ventilate working faces and use the same monitoring system to identify the location of a detected fire by sensor location rather than by belt flight. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Cardinal Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification to allow air coursed through conveyor belt haulage entries to be used to ventilate active working places for the Cardinal Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-011-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 13197.

*Petitioner:* Hobet Mining, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 77.206(c).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use a SAF-T-CLIMB fall prevention system on its counterweight tower structure for the overland system and the Beth Station No. 9 Preparation Plant in lieu of using a vertical ladder. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Beth Station No. 79 Preparation Plant. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of SAF-T-CLIMB or other equivalent fall prevention system at every permanently attached vertical ladder used at counterweight towers during maintenance work on the overland conveyor system for use at the Beth Station No. 79 Preparation Plant with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-053-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 49966.

*Petitioner:* Perry County Coal Corporation.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to relocate approved check points 9A and 9B in the intake of the Southeast Mains one break outby the No. 9 entry of the Roll Mains and establish one new check point (examination point) 10A in the return of the Southeast Mains in the No. 1 Entry

located at the 44 Seals, six break inby the No. 1 Head Drive. The petitioner proposes to establish air measurement stations at locations that would allow effective evaluation of ventilation in the areas affected by deteriorating roof and rib conditions and have a certified person evaluate these stations on a weekly basis. The petitioner requested a modification of existing standard 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2). After further review of this petition, it was determined that modification should be for existing standard 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1). This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the HZ4-1 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for use at the HZ4-1 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-054-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 49966.

*Petitioner:* Titan Mining, Inc.

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

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use a spring-loaded locking device with specific fastening characteristics in lieu of a padlock to secure plugs and electrical type connectors to batteries and to the permissible mobile powered equipment the batteries serve, to prevent accidental separation of the battery plugs from their receptacles during normal operation of the battery equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Laurel Fork Deep Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for use at the Laurel Fork Deep Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-062-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 54675.

*Petitioner:* Buck Mountain Coal Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1002(a).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use non-permissible electric equipment within 150 feet of the pillar line. This equipment would include drags and battery locomotives due in part to the method of mining used in pitching anthracite mines and the alternative evaluation of the mine air quality for methane on an hourly basis during operation. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Buck Mountain Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Buck Mountain Slope Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-072-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 59317.

*Petitioner:* Snyder Coal Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1002(a).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use non-permissible electric equipment within 150 feet of

the pillar line. This equipment would include drags and battery locomotives due in part to the method of mining used in pitching anthracite mines and the alternative evaluation of the mine air quality for methane on an hourly basis during operation. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Rattling Run Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Rattling Run Slope Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-082-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 66168.

*Petitioner:* Speed Mining, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1700.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to amend its previous petition docket number M-2001-041-C. The petitioner proposes to drill out each of the oil wells as already specified in its previous petition; pump the expandable cement to the bottom of the lowest minable seam (Eagle) and pump Portable Class "A" cement on top of the expandable plug to the next Powellton Seam which is approximately 117 feet above, and is the anticipated area for broken strata due to subsidence. The petitioner will leave the area from the Powellton Seam to the surface open for release of methane from the longwall gob after the longwall has intersected the well. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the American Eagle Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for mining through or near (whenever the safety barrier diameter is reduced to a distance less than the District Manager would approve pursuant to Section 75.1700) plugged oil or gas wells penetrating the Eagle Coal Seam and other minable coal seams using continuous miners, conventional mining or longwall mining methods at the American Eagle Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-092-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 71988.

*Petitioner:* Mountain Side Coal Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 49.2(b).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to provide two mine rescue teams, each consisting of three members and one alternate to provide coverage for both teams at the Mountain Side Mine. The petitioner will provide a total of seven mine rescue team members. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Mountain Side Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Mountain Side Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2002-093-C.

*FR Notice:* 67 FR 71988.

*Petitioner:* Mountain Side Coal Company.