

considered an acceptable alternative method for the Auger #2 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Auger #2 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-002-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 3898.

*Petitioner:* KenAmerican Resources, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1909(b)(6).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to limit the speed of its diesel graders to 20 miles per hour (mph), and train the grader operators in the proper techniques for lowering the blade to provide additional stopping capability in emergency situations, in lieu of using front wheel brakes on the DAPCO, Serial No. 001 grader powered by a Deutz diesel engine Model #BF4M1012EC. The grader(s) has six wheels and are used at the Paradise No. 9 Mine. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Paradise No. 9 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for use at the Paradise No. 9 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-008-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 8050.

*Petitioner:* Ken American Resources, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.519-1(b).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to move its disconnecting switch to the main travelway in the 2nd crosscut from the slope bottom in lieu of installing a disconnecting switch underground within 500 feet of the bottom of the borehole. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Paradise No. 9 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the distance of the disconnecting switch from the bottom of the shaft or borehole for use at the Paradise No. 9 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-009-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 8050.

*Petitioner:* Alfred Brown 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 7 Ft. Slope Mine. The petitioner will provide a total of seven mine rescue team members. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the 7 Ft. Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the 7 Ft. Slope Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-010-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 10048.

*Petitioner:* Jim Walter Resources, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1002.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use a 2,400-volt power

center with a high-voltage trailing cable to power a continuous miner in by the last open crosscut and within 150 feet of pillar workings. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 7 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for use of the 2,400-volt high-voltage continuous miner(s) at the No. 7 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-014-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 15244.

*Petitioner:* Lodestar Energy Incorporated.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1101-1(b).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to have a trained person conduct a weekly visual examination and a functional test on each deluge-type fire suppression system installed at conveyor belt drives in lieu of using blow-off dust covers for nozzles. The petitioner proposes to actuate the water system and observe its performance to ensure that nozzles are not blocked. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Baker Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Baker Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-019-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 15245.

*Petitioner:* Maple Creek Mining, Inc.

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

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use an electric slope hoist to transport miners in and out of the mine. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the High Quality Mine. On April 8, 2003, MSHA grants the petition for modification for a period ending twelve months from the effective date of the Proposed Decision and Order for the High Quality Mine with conditions. MSHA grants Application for Relief to Give Effect to April 7, 2003.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-020-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 15245.

*Petitioner:* Highland Mining Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1909(b)(6).

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use a Getman diesel grader underground with only rear wheel brakes at the Highland 9 Mine in lieu of using front wheel brakes. The petitioner proposes to limit the diesel grader speed to a maximum of 10 miles per hour and train the operators on proper procedures to use if the brakes on the grader fail. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Highland 9 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Getman RDG-1504S Diesel Road Grader, Serial No. 6323, Powered by a Cat 3306PCNA

150 Horsepower diesel engine with 6 wheels for use at the Highland 9 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-021-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 16311.

*Petitioner:* HB 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 for the three wheel tractors (Mescher tractors) in lieu of using a machine-mounted methane monitor. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 1 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Mescher permissible three-wheel battery-powered tractors used to load coal at the No. 1 Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2003-022-C.

*FR Notice:* 68 FR 16311.

*Petitioner:* HB Coal Company, Inc.

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

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use two ten-pound portable chemical fire extinguishers in the operator's deck of each Mescher tractor operated at the No. 1 Mine. The petitioner also proposes to instruct the equipment operator to inspect each fire extinguisher on a daily basis prior to entering the primary escapeway and maintain a record of the daily inspection at the mine. The petitioner further proposes to maintain a sufficient number of spare fire extinguishers at the mine in case a defective fire extinguisher is detected. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 1 Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Mescher three wheel tractors to be operated in the primary intake escapeway at the No. 1 Mine with conditions.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-114)]

### Advanced Space Transportation Subcommittee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the Advanced Space Transportation Subcommittee (ASTS).