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#### 5. Star Coal Trucking, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2003-060-C]

Star Coal Trucking, Inc., P.O. Box 3881, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (Plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 2 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-02240) located in Floyd County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed, spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered machine plug connectors in lieu of a padlock to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. 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.

#### 6. Coal Services, LLC

[Docket No. M-2003-061-C]

Coal Services, LLC, P.O. Box 295, Inez, Kentucky 41224 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (Plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 1 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-16643) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed, spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered machine plug connectors in lieu of a padlock to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. 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.

#### 7. Phelps Dodge Morenci Incorporated

[Docket No. M-2003-002-M]

Phelps Dodge Morenci Incorporated, 4521 N. US Hwy 191, Morenci, Arizona 85540 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 56.6309 (Fuel oil requirements for ANFO) to its Morenci Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 02-00024) located in Greenlee County, Arizona. The petitioner proposes to use recycled waste oil to prepare ammonium nitrate-fuel oil at the Morenci Mine. The petitioner has included specific procedures in this petition that would be used for recycling waste oil. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 8. Cargill Deicing Technology

[Docket No. M-2003-003-M]

Cargill Deicing Technology, P.O. Box 106, Avery Island, Louisiana 70513 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.14100(b) (Safety defects; examination, correction and records) to its Avery Island Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 16-00509) located in Iberia County, Louisiana. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow Operator Presence switches to be removed from its John Deere 970 and 1070 tractors used to transport men, tools, and equipment to and from job sites. The petitioner states that the switches are designed to automatically kill the engine when pressure is released from the seat, but using these switches will present a hazard to the equipment operator.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to [comments@msha.gov](mailto:comments@msha.gov), or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before October 24, 2003. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 11th day of September, 2003.

**Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,**

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

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-115)]

### Aerospace Medicine Occupational Health Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Aerospace Medicine Occupational Health Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Wednesday, October 15, 2003, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 300 E Street, SW., Room 9H40 (Program Review Center), Washington, DC. Attendees must check in at the Visitor's Center located in the West Lobby (4th and E Streets) and will be escorted to the conference room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Pamela Barnes, Code AM, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-2390.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Opening Remarks by Chief Health and Medical Officer
- Aerospace Medicine Occupational Health Advisory Committee Report from March 14, 2003, Meeting
- Aerospace Medicine Highlights and Issues
- Occupational Health Highlights and Issues
- Open discussion and action assignments
- Next Meeting
- Closing Comments

Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving an access badge. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa/greencard information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, phone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees can provide identifying information in advance by contacting Pamela Barnes via e-mail at