

15-17651) located in Sidney County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow air coursed through belt haulage entries to be used to ventilate active working places. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide detection system in all belt entries at certain locations as an early warning fire detection system. The petitioner also proposes to adhere to other conditions. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

7. Sidney Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-033-C]

Sidney Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 299, Sidney, Kentucky 41564 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Rockhouse Energy Mining Company, Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-17651) located in Sidney County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use 4,160 volt longwall face equipment, and to submit proposed revisions for its approved part 48 training plans to the District Manager that would specify initial and refresher training. The petitioner has listed specific procedures in this petition for modification that would be followed when using the longwall equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

8. Sidney Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-034-C]

Sidney Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 299, Sidney, Kentucky 41564 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its Rockhouse Energy Mining Company, Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-17651) located in Sidney County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to plug and mine through oil and gas wells using the specific procedures listed in this petition for modification, and notify the District Manager or designee prior to mining within 300 feet of a plugged oil and gas well. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard and will not result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

9. West Ridge Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-035-C]

West Ridge Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 902, Price, Utah 84501 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30

CFR 75.352 (return air courses) to its West Ridge Mine (I.D. No. 42-02233) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner proposes to use the belt entry as a return air course during two-entry longwall development, and an intake during longwall extraction, to ensure adequate ventilation to dilute and render harmless any methane or other noxious gases that may accumulate. The petitioner asserts that the application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

10. West Ridge Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-036-C]

West Ridge Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 902, Price, Utah 84501 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.500(d) (permissible electric equipment) to its West Ridge Mine (I.D. No. 42-02233) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner submitted this petition on March 22, 2000. This petition is a duplicate of a previously submitted petition. Therefore, the petitioner has rescinded this petition.

11. National Gypsum Company

[Docket No. M-2000-001-M]

National Gypsum Company, 2550 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 56.11001 (safe access) to its Kaufman-George Pit (I.D. No. 13-01615) located in Webster County, Iowa. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to: permit the equipment operator to move between two parked pieces of mobile equipment provided that each piece of equipment is parked on level ground with the parking brakes engaged; the equipment operator has ensured that the pieces of equipment are no further than 36 inches apart; and the equipment operator uses the equipment's platforms, handholds, and foot supports to maintain three-point contact at all times when moving between the pieces of equipment. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety and that the proposed alternative method would provide equivalent or superior protection as the existing standard.

12. Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-002-M]

Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc., P.O. Box 1621, Alleghany, California 95910 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.11059 (respirable atmosphere for hoist

operators underground) to its Sixteen to One Mine (I.D. No. 04-01299) located in Sierra County, California. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit continued use of its "permissible combination self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and pressure demand Type C supplied air respirator" (MSHA approved TC-13F-146 issued 4-13-88 and NIOSH approved). The petitioner states that in the interest of the health and safety of the hoist operator and miners, an exemption from the standard would allow the equipment to be used without modification, and continue to meet safety standards specific to the Sixteen to One Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard and that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to "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, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before June 19, 2000. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: May 8, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Nixon Presidential Historical Materials; Opening of Materials

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of opening of materials.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the opening of additional files from the Nixon Presidential historical materials. Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with section 104 of Title I of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act ("PRMPA", 44 U.S.C. 2111 note) and 1275.42(b) of the PRMPA Regulations implementing the Act (36 CFR part 1275), NARA has identified, inventoried, and prepared for public access integral file segments

among the Nixon Presidential historical materials. In addition, NARA is preparing for public access approximately 400 pages of documents among the Nixon Presidential materials that are responsive to a February 1, 1999 interagency memo from the National Security Council (NSC) to declassify and release documents concerning human rights abuses in Chile from 1968–1991.

DATES: Except with respect to the materials responsive to the NSC memo on Chile, NARA intends to make these materials described in this notice available to the public beginning June 30, 2000. In accordance with 36 CFR 1275.44, any person who believes it necessary to file a claim of legal right or privilege concerning access to these materials must notify the Archivist of the United States in writing of the claimed right, privilege, or defense before June 19, 2000. The Chile material will be released no sooner than 30 days after the date of publication, at times determined by the NSC.

ADDRESSES: The materials will be made available to the public at the National Archives at College Park research room, located at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland beginning at 8:45 a.m. on June 30, 2000. Researchers must have a NARA researcher card, which they may obtain when they arrive at the facility.

Petitions asserting a legal or constitutional right or privilege which would prevent or limit access must be sent to the Archivist of the United States, National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740–6001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Weissenbach, Director, Nixon Presidential Materials Staff, 301–713–6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The integral file segments of textual materials to be opened on June 30, 2000, consist of 4 cubic feet.

The White House Central Files Unit is a permanent organization within the White House complex that maintains a central filing and retrieval system for the records of the President and his staff. Some of the materials are from the White House Central Files, Subject Files. The Subject Files are based on an alphanumeric file scheme of 61 primary categories. Listed below are the integral file segments from the White House Central Files, Subject Files in this opening.

Subject Category: Volume: 3 cubic feet.
Federal Government (FG):

FG 66 Administrative Conference of the United States
FG 70 Advisory Commission on Postal Distribution Service
FG 71 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
FG 73 American Battle Monuments Commission
FG 74 American Red Cross
FG 91 Commission on Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Salaries
FG 92 Commission on Fine Arts
FG 96 Commission on Presidential Scholars
FG 97 Commission to Study Mortgage Interest Rates
FG 98 Commission on Economic Development
FG 99 Committee on Population and Family Planning

Public access to some of the items in the file segments listed in this notice will be restricted as outlined in 36 CFR 1275.50 or 1275.52 (Public Access Regulations).

In response to the February 1, 1999, interagency memo from the National Security Council, documents concerning human rights abuses located among the Nixon Presidential materials previously classified will be made available at times determined by the NSC.

Additionally, other documents which were previously withheld from public access have been reviewed and/ or declassified under the Mandatory Review provisions of Executive Order 12958 and will be made available.

Previously restricted materials: Volume: 1 cubic feet.

Dated: May 12, 2000.

John W. Carlin,

Archivist of the United States.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended, the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (1189).

Date/Time: June 8–9, 2000; 8 am–5 pm.

Place: Room 120, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Fred G. Heineken, Program, Director, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, NSF, 4201

Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306–1318.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Purpose of Meeting: To review and evaluate Biochemical Eng./Biotechnology POWRE + Large proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 12, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

Date and Time: June 14, 2000 and June 15, 2000, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 580, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Joy Pauschcke, Program Director, National Earthquake Engineering Simulation Program, Room 545, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA (703) 306–1361.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY'00 National Earthquake Engineering Simulation Review Panel proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 12, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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