

ASARCO Ray Complex Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the ASARCO Ray Complex Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-1999-004-M.

FR Notice: 64 FR 32554.

Petitioner: Dally Slate Company and American Bangor Slate & Stone.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 57.19007.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a stand-by engineer, instead of a mechanical device, to prevent overtravel or overspeed in the event the hoist operating engineer has a sudden health problem that impairs his/her ability to operate the hoist. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Dally 2-Pit Diamond Mill Doney Mine and the American Bangor Slate & Stone Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Dally 2-Pit Diamond Mill Doney Mine and the American Bangor Slate & Stone Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-1999-005-M.

FR Notice: 64 FR 32554.

Petitioner: Williams & Sons Slate & Tile, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 57.19007.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a stand-by engineer, instead of a mechanical device, to prevent overtravel or overspeed in the event the hoist operating engineer has a sudden health problem that impairs his/her ability to operate the hoist. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Sreebs Slate & Stone Co., Inc. Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Sreebs Slate & Stone Co., Inc. Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: 1999-015-M.

FR Notice: 64 FR 55494.

Petitioner: Lyons Salt Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to maintain six (6) approved apparatuses at its mine-rescue station rather than twelve as required by the standard. The four members of the Kansas Mine Rescue Association (Association) (of which Lyons Salt is one) have an agreement that Association members will respond to mine emergencies at other member mines, which means there are 24 mine-rescue apparatuses available for mine emergency. The association member mines each have their own rescue stations, which are equipped with six complete mine-rescue apparatuses. These apparatuses could be used immediately or transported to another mine within 30 minutes to 2 hours ground travel. This is considered an

acceptable alternative method for the Lyons Salt Company Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Lyons Salt Company Mine with conditions. This is an underground salt mine using conventional room-and-pillar mining methods. The petitioner amended this petition on February 21, 2000, to change the standard for which it was seeking modification from 30 CFR 49.6(a)(4) to 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

Docket No.: M-1999-016-M.

FR Notice: 64 FR 55494.

Petitioner: Hutchinson Salt Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to maintain six (6) approved apparatuses at its mine-rescue station rather than twelve as required by the standard. The four members of the Kansas Mine Rescue Association (Association) (of which Hutchinson Salt is one) have an agreement that Association members will respond to mine emergencies at other member mines, which means there are 24 mine-rescue apparatuses available for mine emergency. The association member mines each have their own rescue stations, which are equipped with six complete mine-rescue apparatuses. These apparatuses could be used immediately or transported to another mine within 30 minutes to 2 hours ground travel. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Hutchinson Salt Company Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Hutchinson Salt Company Mine with conditions. This is an underground salt mine using conventional room-and-pillar mining methods. The petitioner amended this petition on February 22, 2000, to change the standard for which it was seeking modification from 30 CFR 49.6(a)(4) to 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

Docket No.: M-1999-17-M.

FR Notice: 64 FR 55494.

Petitioner: G-P Gypsum Corporation.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to maintain six (6) approved apparatuses at its mine-rescue station rather than twelve as required by the standard. The four members of the Kansas Mine Rescue Association (Association) (of which G-P Gypsum Corporation is one) have an agreement that Association members will respond to mine emergencies at other member mines, which means there are 24 mine-rescue apparatuses available for mine emergency. The association member mines each have their own rescue stations, which are equipped with six complete mine-rescue apparatuses.

These apparatuses could be used immediately or transported to another mine within 30 minutes to 2 hours ground travel. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Blue Rapids Mine & Mill. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Blue Rapids Mine & Mill with conditions. This is an underground salt mine using conventional room-and-pillar mining methods. The petitioner amended this petition on February 10, 2000, to change the standard for which it was seeking modification from 30 CFR 49.6(a)(4) to 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

Docket No.: M-1999-019-M.

FR Notice: 64 FR 55495.

Petitioner: Independent Salt

Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to maintain six (6) approved apparatuses at its mine-rescue station rather than twelve as required by the standard. The four members of the Kansas Mine Rescue Association (Association) (of which Independent Salt Company is one) have an agreement that Association members will respond to mine emergencies at other member mines, which means there are 24 mine-rescue apparatuses available for mine emergency. The association member mines each have their own rescue stations, which are equipped with six complete mine-rescue apparatuses. These apparatuses could be used immediately or transported to another mine within 30 minutes to 2 hours ground travel. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Independent Salt Company Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Independent Salt Company Mine with conditions. This is an underground salt mine using conventional room-and-pillar mining methods. The petitioner amended this petition on February 22, 2000, to change the standard for which it was seeking modification from 30 CFR 49.6(a)(4) to 30 CFR 49.6(a)(1).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings of the Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186):

Date and Time: November 30–December 1, 2000, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; December 7–8, 2000, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. James Breckinridge, Program Manager, Advanced Technologies and Instrumentation, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1045, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–4892.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Advanced Technologies and Instrumentation Program 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 3 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 6, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Office.

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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 and Time: December 19–20, 2000; 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Leon Esterowitz, Program Director, Biomedical Engineering and Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292–8320.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate unsolicited proposals and proposals received under the Initiative on Sensing and Imaging Technologies for Multi-Use Applications Program Announcement (Announcement Number NSF 00–106), 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 person 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.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Biological Infrastructure; 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: Advisory Panel for Biological Infrastructure (#1215).

Date and Time: November 30–December 1, 2000, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation at 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Gerald Selzer, Program Director Biological Instrumentation and Instrument Development, National Science Foundation, Rm. 615, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8470.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposal for acquisition of Biological Instrumentation and Instrument Development for the Instrument Development for Biological Research (IDBR) Program 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.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport 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 Chemical and Transport Systems (1190).

Date and Time: December 19, 2000; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Chuan F. Chen, Program Director, Fluid, Dynamics & Hydraulics, Division of Chemical & Transport Systems, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 525, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8371.

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 2000 Sensing & Imaging Panel of 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.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Computing—Communications Research; 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 Computing—Communications Research (1192).

Date/Time: November 16–17, 2000; 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Roger Ziemer, Communications Research Panel, CISE/CCR, Room 1145, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703) 292–8918.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate COM CAREER proposals as a 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