

has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1101-8(a) (Water sprinkler system; arrangement of sprinklers) at its Crown II Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 11-02632) located in Montgomery County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to provide a fireproof electrical enclosure and fire detection system in lieu of a sprinkler over the electrical control. The petitioner states that the Crown II Mine is a large underground mine employing three operating sections to develop entrees and rooms with remote control continuous miners and the belt system utilizes ten belt drives. The petitioner further states that: (i) The belt drives and electrical controls are ventilated with isolated intake air; (ii) the electrical control boxes do not contain flammable fluids or other flammable products and are fully enclosed with fireproof construction and are located at least two-feet from coal or other combustible material; and (iii) the electrical cables will conform with the requirements of part 18, and a heat sensor or CO monitor will be installed near the electrical control box. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. Rustler Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2003-001-C]

Rustler Coal Company, 273 Hill Road, Hegins, Pennsylvania 17938 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002-1 (Location of other electric equipment; requirements for permissibility) at its Orchard Slope Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-08346) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of non-permissible electric equipment within 150 feet of the pillar line. The petitioner states that the non-permissible 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. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

4. KenAmerican Resources, Inc.

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

KenAmerican Resources, Inc., 7590 State Route 181, Central City, Kentucky 42330 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1909(b)(6) (Nonpermissible diesel-powered

equipment; design and performance requirements) at its Paradise #9 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-17741) located in Muhlenburg County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to equip its diesel grader with a device that will limit the speed of the grader to 10 miles per hour, and provide training to every miner who operates the grader on the proper techniques for lowering the blade to restrict the speed and stop the grader. The petitioner asserts that application of the 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.

5. Anita Mining Company

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

Anita Mining Company, One Energy Place, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (Quantity and location of firefighting equipment) at its Ondo Extension Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09005) located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method of compliance for fire fighting equipment required at temporary electrical installations. The petitioner proposes to use two (2) portable fire extinguishers in lieu of using 240 pounds of rock dust at all temporary electrical installations at the Ondo Extension Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

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, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before February 26, 2003. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 17th day of January 2003.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Schneider, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* February 3, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the November 1, 2002 deadline.

2. *Date:* February 10, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the November 1, 2002 deadline.

3. *Date:* February 19, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the November 1, 2002 deadline.

Daniel Schneider,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joyce A. Jatko, Acting Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 4, 2002, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on January 6, 2003 to: William Gilmore, Permit No. 2003-016.

Joyce A. Jatko,

Acting Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by February 26, 2003. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joyce A. Jatko at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the provisions of the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty with respect to the conservation of Antarctic animals and plants in the Code of Federal Regulations Part 670. The regulations establish a permit system for certain actions which would otherwise be prohibited, including the introduction of non-indigenous species into Antarctica.

The applications received are as follows:

1. Applicant

H. William Detrich, Department of Biology, Northeastern University, 414 Mugar Hall, Boston, MA 02215.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant proposes using frozen fish tissues from species native to Patagonian Chile as bait (mixture of *Macruronis magellanicus* and *Dissostichus eleginoides*) in fishing traps/pots in the Antarctic Peninsula. The specimens collected will be taken to the Palmer Station aquarium facilities and used to study the biochemistry and molecular biology of Antarctic fishes. The applicant proposes to fish a maximum of 20 traps and estimates using a maximum of 20 blocks of frozen fish bait (10-15 kg).

Location

Antarctic Peninsula area in the vicinities of Low, Brabant, and Livingston Islands, as well as Dallman Bay.

Dates

April 5, 2003 to August 30, 2005.

Joyce A. Jatko,

Acting Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-346]

Firstenergy Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its July 26, 1999, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-3 for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1, located in Ottawa County, Ohio.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications pertaining to the Safety Features Actuation System Instrumentation trip setpoints.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1999 (64 FR 48862). However, by letter dated December 20, 2002, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 26, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated December 20, 2002, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of January 2003.