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### 3. AMFIRE Mining Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2005-075-C]

AMFIRE Mining Company, LLC, P.O. Box 157, Clymer, Pennsylvania 15728 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1 (Canopies or cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its Nolo Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-08850) located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to operate self-propelled electric face equipment without cabs and canopies in coal seams of 48" or less. The petitioner asserts that using cabs and canopies on the equipment in areas of 48' or less results in a diminution of safety causing the roof support to be dislodged. In addition, the operator's visibility is decreased which poses a hazardous situation to persons traveling on foot. 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: [zzMSHA-Comments@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-Comments@dol.gov); Fax: (202) 693-9441; or Regular Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before December 30, 2005. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 23rd day of November 2005.

**Rebecca J. Smith,**

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

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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 Modification Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued 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 a requested permit modification.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by December 30, 2005. Permit applications 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:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (2004-009) to Dr. Robert L. Pitman on January 15, 2004. The issued permit allows the applicant to collect biopsy samples of up to 200 Killer whales and skin and tissue samples from approximately 10 Minke and 4 Arnoux's Beaked whales.

The applicant requests a modification to his permit to attach satellite tags on approximately 20 Killer whales to monitor their distribution. The tags will be embedded at the base of the dorsal fin until such time the tissue rejects it and the tag falls off.

*Location:* Antarctic waters.

*Dates:* December 15, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Federal Register Notice

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2005, January 2, 2006.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Week of November 28, 2005*

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2).

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative). a. Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Early Site Permit for Clinton Site) (Tentative).

9:30 a.m. Briefing on EEO Program (Public Meeting). (Contact: Corenthis Kelley, 301-415-7380).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

*Week of December 5, 2005—Tentative*

Thursday, December 8, 2005

1 p.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

*Week of December 12, 2005—Tentative*

Monday, December 12, 2005

9 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Thursday, December 15, 2005

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1).

*Week of December 19, 2005—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 19, 2005.

*Week of December 26, 2005—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 26, 2005.

*Week of January 2, 2006—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 2, 2006.

\*The schedule for commission meetings is subject to change on short