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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or other mine if the Secretary determines that: (1) An alternative method of achieving the result of such standard exists which will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners of such mine by such standard; or (2) that the application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine. In addition, the regulations at 30 CFR 44.10 and 44.11 establish the requirements and procedures for filing petitions for modifications.

**II. Petitions for Modification**

*Docket Number:* M-2007-066-C.

*Petitioner:* Knight Hawk Coal, LLC, 501 Barwick Road, Elkhville, Illinois 62932.

*Mine:* Royal Falcon Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 11-03162, located in Jackson County, Illinois

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.35 (Portable (trailing) cables and cords).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to increase the maximum length of cables supplying power to permissible equipment used in continuous mining sections. The petitioner states that: (1) This petition will only apply to trailing cables supplying three-phase, 995-volt power to continuous mining machines and trailing cables supplying three-phase, 480-volt power to roof bolters; (2) the maximum length of the 995-volt continuous mining machine trailing cables will be 950 feet and the maximum length of the 480-volt trailing cables for roof bolters will be 900 feet; (3) 995-volt continuous mining machine trailing cables will not be smaller than 2/0 and the 480-volt trailing cables for roof bolters will not be smaller than #2 AWG; (4) all circuit breakers used to protect 2/0 trailing cables exceeding 850 feet in length will have instantaneous

trip units calibrated to trip at 1,500 amperes and the trip setting will be sealed or locked and will have permanent legible permanent labels that will be maintained as legible to identify the circuit breaker as being suitable for protecting 2/0 cables; (5) replacement instantaneous trip units, used to protect 2/0 trailing cables, will be calibrated to trip at 1,500 amperes and the setting will be sealed or locked; (6) all circuit breakers used to protect #2 AWG trailing cables exceeding 700 feet in length will have instantaneous trip units calibrated to trip at 800 amperes, the trip setting will be sealed or locked, and the circuit breakers will have permanent legible labels that will be maintained as legible to identify the circuit breakers as being suitable for protecting #2 AWG cables; (7) replacement instantaneous trip units used to protect #2 AWG trailing cables will be calibrated to trip at 800 amperes and the setting will be sealed or locked; (8) the designated operator will visually examine the trailing cables during each production day to ensure that the cables are operating safely and the instantaneous settings of the calibrated breakers do not have seals or locks removed and do not exceed the stipulated settings; and (9) any trailing cable that is not in safe operating condition will be removed from service immediately and repaired or replaced. Persons may review a complete description of petitioner's alternative method and procedures at the MSHA address listed in the notice. The petitioner states that the alternative method will not be implemented until miners designated to examine the integrity of the seals or locks verify the short-circuit settings, and proper procedures training has been provided for examining trailing cables for defects and damage. The petitioner further states that the miners will be trained in the terms and conditions of the Proposed Decision and Order, and within 60 days the petitioner will submit revisions of its Part 48 training plan to the District Manager that includes task training to comply with the final order. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection to the miners.

*Docket Number:* M-2007-067-C.

*Petitioner:* Mach Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 300, Johnson City, Illinois 62951.

*Mine:* Mach No. 1 Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 11-03141 located in Williamson County, Illinois.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1700 (Oil and gas wells).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing

standard to permit, through the use of alternative safety measures, the mining through or intersecting of certain oil and gas wells located within the projected workings of its No. 1 Mine to recover significant and valuable coal resources in an area of the mine penetrated by several abandoned oil and gas wells. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide the same measure of protection afforded the miners by application of the existing standard.

*Docket Number:* M-2007-068-C.

*Petitioner:* KenAmerican Resources, Inc., 7590 State Route 181, Central City, Kentucky 42330.

*Mine:* Paradise Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 15-17741 located in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (Weekly examination).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit a measuring point location to be established in the Main East Parallel return at crosscut #13 (MPL#ME-01) and in the Main North Parallel return at crosscut #169 (MPL#MN-02). The petitioner states that due to deteriorating roof conditions in these affected areas of the mine it is not desirable for normal travel for inspections and examinations. The petitioner asserts that the alternative method would at all times guarantee the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Dated: November 30, 2007.

**Jack Powasnik,**

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

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**FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION****Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board (PRB)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Members of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission combined Performance Review Board (PRB).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), this notice announces the appointment of members of the combined PRB for the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. The Board reviews the performance appraisals of career and non-career senior executives. The Board makes recommendations regarding proposed

performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses and other appropriate personnel actions.

**Composition of PRB:** The Board shall consist of at least three voting members. In the case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half of the members shall consist of career appointees. The names and titles of the PRB members are as follows:

*Primary Members:*

- Cynthia Z. Springer, Deputy Executive Director, Administrative Resource Center, Bureau of the Public Debt;
- Debra L. Hines, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt;
- Kimberly A. McCoy, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology, Bureau of the Public Debt.

*Alternative Members:*

None.

**DATES:** Membership is effective on the date of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Stock, Executive Director, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Suite 9500, 601 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20001, (202) 434-9900.

This notice does not meet the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission's criteria for significant regulations.

Dated: December 5, 2007.

**Thomas A. Stock,**

*Executive Director, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.*

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## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The NTSB is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of voluntary feedback regarding the public NTSB Web site. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies must publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information and subsequently allow 60 days for public comment in response to each notice. This notice solicits comments

concerning the NTSB's proposed collection of information and feedback, via a voluntary survey available on the NTSB Web site, concerning the navigation, utility, and site design of the NTSB Web site.

**DATES:** Submit written comments regarding this proposed collection of information by February 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Respondents may submit written comments on the collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the National Transportation Safety Board, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christine Fortin, NTSB, Office of Chief Information Officer, at (202) 314-6607.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, codified at 44 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the NTSB's function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

The NTSB Online Customer Satisfaction Survey will seek the public's feedback regarding a variety of aspects of the current NTSB Web site. In particular, the survey will solicit feedback concerning the public's satisfaction with the content of information on the Web site, as well as the presentation and organization of information that is available on the NTSB Web site. The survey will also ask the public for opinions regarding the overall utility of certain categories of the existing Web site. The survey will also seek responses to questions concerning ways to improve the Web site, such as whether the public would find it helpful to include certain information. In addition, the survey will ask for general comments regarding ways the NTSB can improve its Web site. Finally, the survey will inquire into whether respondents are affiliated with a particular group, industry, or profession, and how often respondents visit the NTSB Web site.

All responses to the survey will remain anonymous, and the introductory text of the survey will request that respondents refrain from including any identifying or personal information.

The NTSB intends to use the feedback it obtains from this survey to improve the navigation, search capabilities, and information content on the NTSB Web site. The NTSB recognizes that Congress has directed the NTSB to provide transportation safety and accident-related information to the public, in the interest of improving transportation safety for the public. See 49 U.S.C. 1101-1155. Accordingly, the NTSB is aware of the importance of maintaining a Web site that is helpful to the public, and provides relevant, up-to-date information. Feedback from the public regarding the NTSB Web site will assist the NTSB in achieving this goal.

Respondents' participation in the survey is voluntary. The survey will only be available on the NTSB Web site, and the NTSB has carefully reviewed the survey to ensure that it has used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology in its requests for information and feedback. The survey is not duplicative of other agencies' collections of information. The survey will consist of seven questions, and imposes minimal burden on respondents: The NTSB estimates that respondents will spend approximately 10 minutes in completing the survey. The NTSB estimates that approximately 100 respondents will participate in the survey.

Dated: December 5, 2007.

**Vicky L. D'Onofrio,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Federal Register Notice

#### Agency Holding the Meetings: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATES:** Weeks of December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2007, January 7, 14, 2008.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Week of December 10, 2007.**

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007.*

9:30 a.m.

Discussion of Management Issues