

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 56.19090 (Dual signaling systems).

- *Docket Number:* M–2011–016–M.  
*FR Notice:* 77 FR 14427 (3/9/2012).

*Petitioner:* Swenson Granite Company LLC, 369 North State Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

*Mine:* Swenson Gray Quarry, MSHA I.D. No. 27–00083, located in Merrimack County, New Hampshire.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 56.19009 (Position indicator).

- *Docket Number:* M–2012–003–M.  
*FR Notice:* 77 FR 27091 (5/8/2012).

*Petitioner:* Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company, 144 Rosecrans Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401.

*Mines:* Graystone Plant, MSHA I.D. No. 47–00119 and Wausau Plant, MSHA I.D. No. 47–02918, located in Marathon County, Wisconsin.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 56.13020 (Use of compressed air).

Dated: August 14, 2012.

**George F. Triebsch,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Escape and Evacuation Plans for Surface Coal Mines, Surface Facilities and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Department of Labor conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to assure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection for 30 CFR 77.1101. OMB last approved this information collection request on January 8, 2010. The package expires on January 31, 2013.

**DATES:** All comments must be postmarked or received by midnight Eastern Time on October 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice must be clearly identified with “OMB 1219–0051” and sent to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). Comments may be sent by any of the methods listed below.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:*  
<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Facsimile:* 202–693–9441, include “OMB 1219–0051” in the subject line of the message.

- *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, VA 22209–3939. For hand delivery, sign in at the receptionist’s desk on the 21st floor.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Moxness, Chief, Economic Analysis Division, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at [moxness.greg@dol.gov](mailto:moxness.greg@dol.gov) (email); 202–693–9440 (voice); or 202–693–9441 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The escape and evacuation plan required by existing standard 30 CFR 77.1101 is prepared by the mine operator and is used by mines, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), and persons involved in rescue and recovery operations. The plan is used to instruct employees in the proper methods to evacuate structures in the event of a fire. MSHA inspection personnel use the plan to determine compliance with the standard requiring a means of escape and evacuation be established and the requirement that employees be instructed in the procedures to follow should a fire occur.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to this safety standard for Escape and Evacuation Plans for surface coal mines, surface facilities and surface work areas of underground coal mines. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the MSHA’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Address the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses), to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

The public may examine publicly available documents, including the public comment version of the supporting statement, at MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, VA 22209–3939. OMB clearance requests are available on MSHA’s Web site at <http://www.msha.gov> under “Rules & Regs” on the right side of the screen by selecting *Information Collections Requests, Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statements*. The document will be available on MSHA’s Web site for 60 days after the publication date of this notice. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available for public inspection. Because comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, MSHA cautions the commenter against including any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

##### III. Current Actions

The information obtained from mine operators is used by MSHA inspectors to determine the adequacy of the escape and evacuation plan. The plan must include an established means to escape and evacuate from structures and the requirement that employees are instructed in the procedures to follow should a fire occur. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents and responses, as well as the total burden hours and burden costs supporting this information collection extension request.

##### Summary

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Escape and Evacuation Plans for Surface Coal Mines, Surface Facilities

and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines.

OMB Number: 1219-0051.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 77.1101.

Total Number of Respondents: 295.

Frequency: Infrequent.

Total Number of Responses: 295.

Total Burden Hours: 1,425 hours.

Total Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: August 14, 2012.

George F. Triebsch,  
Certifying Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and 30 CFR part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification. This notice is a summary of petitions for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the parties listed below to modify the application of existing mandatory safety standards codified in Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**DATES:** All comments on the petitions must be received by the Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances on or before September 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments, identified by "docket number" on the subject line, by any of the following methods:

1. *Electronic Mail:* [zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov). Include the docket number of the petition in the subject line of the message.

2. *Facsimile:* 202-693-9441.

3. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939, Attention: George F. Triebsch,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk on the 21st floor. Individuals may inspect copies of the petitions and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above.

MSHA will consider only comments postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or proof of delivery from another delivery service such as UPS or Federal Express on or before the deadline for comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Barron, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances at 202-693-9447 (Voice), [barron.barbara@dol.gov](mailto:barron.barbara@dol.gov) (Email), or 202-693-9441 (Facsimile). [These are not toll-free numbers.]

#### 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 of Labor 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 modification.

##### II. Petitions for Modification

*Docket No:* M-2012-149-C.

*Petitioner:* Patton Mining, LLC, 925 South Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

*Mine:* Deer Run Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 11-03182, located in Montgomery County, Illinois.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.900 (Low- and medium-voltage circuits serving three-phase alternating current equipment; circuit breakers).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard for underground coal mines to permit the use of contactors in series with circuit breakers to provide undervoltage and ground fault protection for low-voltage power circuits serving three-phase alternating current equipment. The petitioner proposes to use a contactor in series with the circuit breaker in lieu of circuit

breakers alone. The petitioner states that the circuit breaker would provide short circuit protection and the contactor would be equipped to provide undervoltage, grounded phase, and overcurrent protection and other protective functions normally provided by the circuit breaker. The petitioner proposes to provide undercurrent and ground-fault protection for three-phase alternating current low-voltage power circuits conditioned on compliance with the following special terms and conditions:

(1) The nominal voltage of the power circuit(s) will not exceed 995 volts.

(2) The nominal voltage of the control circuit(s) will not exceed 120 volts.

(3) The vacuum contactor will be rated for the maximum voltage of the circuit being protected and the continuous full load current of the utilization equipment.

(4) Vacuum contactors will be located in same enclosure as the circuit breaker.

(5) Vacuum contactors with associated protective relays will provide undervoltage protection for low- and medium-voltage circuits serving three-phase alternating current equipment.

(6) Each circuit breaker installed in conjunction with a contactor will be equipped with devices to provide short-circuit protection for each piece of equipment.

(7) When a contactor trips on a ground fault condition or when a ground-check monitor trips it will not automatically reset and must require manual reset. Undervoltage circuits will be wired so that contactors can be closed remotely only when undervoltage or loss of voltage condition no longer exists. All other conditions that cause the contactor to open will require manual reset at the contactor.

(8) The fail-safe ground check circuit will cause the contactor to open when either the ground or pilot wire is broken.

(9) Circuits providing power to portable or mobile equipment will not be capable of being remotely started or remotely closed.

(10) A monthly examination will be conducted on each circuit to assure proper operation of the contactor. The monthly examination will include activating the undervoltage, grounded-phase, and ground-monitor trip devices. The results of the contactor tests will be recorded with the required circuit breaker monthly tests.

(11) Prior to each start-up, an audible alarm at each affected vacuum contactor or affected area will be activated for at least 15 seconds.