

Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, in the National Security Division.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Private Sector, Business or other for-profit. Other: Not-for-profit institutions, and individuals.

Abstract: This form contains Supplemental Statement information used for registering foreign agents under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 611 *et seq.*

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Based on the projected increases in registrations from 2017 to 2020, an estimated number of responses to the form is 416 respondents with 2 responses annually per registrant (832) who will complete Form NSD-2 (OMB 1124-0002). Based on sample testing, each respondent will need 1.17 hours to complete the form, which takes into consideration the improved e-File 4.0 webform features. The following factors were considered when creating the burden estimate: The estimated total number of respondents, the intuitive online FARA e-File registration process, and the prior collection of the necessary data to accurately complete the filing. NSD estimates that all of the approximately 416 respondents will complete the form.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 973.44 annual burden hours. It is estimated that respondents will take 1.17 hours to complete the form. (416 respondents (2 responses annually)  $\times$  1.17 hours = 973.44 annual burden hours).

7. Beginning September 23, 2019, NSD completed its ongoing multi-year design review, testing, and requirements enhancement efforts under the FARA e-File 4.0 initiative to a level where it began to rollout initial capabilities for new registrants only. NSD continues to make progress in enhancing the functionality of FARA e-File and Form NSD-2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Amendment to Registration Statement of Foreign Agents (NSD-5)

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section (CES), National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), National Security Division (NSD), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. There were three official communications received by NSD reflecting comments and recommendations. One communication was signed by fourteen individuals. The FARA Unit staff responded to each communication, satisfactorily addressing each comment and recommendation.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 days until May 13, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

—Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

—Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or

—Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

### Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Amendment to Registration Statement (Foreign Agents).

3. *The agency form number:* Form NSD-5. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, in the National Security Division.

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Abstract: The form contains Amendment to Registration Statement information used for registering foreign agents under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 611 *et seq.*

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Based on the projected increases in registrations from 2017 to 2020, an estimated 556 responses by respondents will complete Form NSD-5 (OMB 1124-0003). Based on sample testing, each respondent will need .75 hours to complete the form, which takes into consideration the improved e-File 4.0 webform features. The following factors were considered when creating the burden estimate: The estimated total number of respondents, the intuitive online FARA e-File registration process, and the prior collection of the necessary data to accurately complete the filing. NSD estimates that all of the 556 respondents will fully complete the form.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 417

annual burden hours. It is estimated that respondents will take .75 hours to complete the form. (556 respondents × .75 hours = 417 annual burden hours).

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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:** This notice is a summary of two petitions for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the parties listed below.

**DATES:** All comments on the petitions must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before May 13, 2020.

**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, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, Virginia 22202-5452, Attention: Roslyn B. Fontaine, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Persons delivering documents are

required to check in at the receptionist's desk in Suite 4E401. Individuals may inspect copies of the petition 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:** S. Aromie Noe, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9557 (voice), [Noe.Song-Ae.A@dol.gov](mailto:Noe.Song-Ae.A@dol.gov) (email), or 202-693-9441 (facsimile). [These are not toll-free numbers.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification.

#### 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. 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 for filing petitions for modification.

#### II. Petitions for Modification

*Docket Number:* M-2020-005-C.

*Petitioner:* Affinity Coal Company, 111 Affinity Complex Rd., Sophia, WV 25878.

*Mine:* Affinity Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 46-08878, located in Raleigh County, West Virginia.

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

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard, 30 CFR 75.1700, in order to mine through two existing wells at the Affinity Mine.

The petitioner states that:

(1) Coal mining operations at the Affinity Mine are restricted by two conventional gas wells, which are shallow and vertical.

(2) The gas wells are close to a future portal site, which will be composed of:

An intake shaft, hoist, warehouse, supply yard, and parking.

(3) If the wells cannot be mined through then the petitioner will have to drop the well entries and build overcasts. Dropping the well entries and building overcasts would reduce the amount of air supplied by the intake shaft.

(4) An alternate method proposed in the petition will increase ventilation throughout the Affinity Mine.

The petitioner's alternative method consists of procedures for cleaning out, preparing, plugging, and replugging oil or gas wells; procedures for mining within 100-foot diameter barrier around well; and additional conditions the petitioner will meet prior to mining through the wells.

(a) The petitioner proposes the following conditions to be met prior to mining through the wells:

(1) A 300 foot safety barrier will be built and maintained around the oil and gas wells, which includes a 150 foot barrier between a mined location and the well, until the MSHA district manager has approved mining in that area. Oil and gas wells are defined by the petitioner to include active, inactive, abandoned, shut-in, previously plugged wells, water injection wells, and carbon dioxide sequestration wells.

Additionally, MSHA considers potential oil and gas producing formations that have not produced in commercial quantities to be oil and gas wells.

(2) Before mining inside the safety barrier, around any well that the mine will intersect, the petitioner will give the MSHA district manager a sworn affidavit or declaration by a company official, stating the required procedures for cleaning, preparing, and plugging each gas or oil well have been completed. The affidavit or declaration will include the logs described below as well as any other records that the district manager requires.

The petitioner may request a permit to lower the 300 foot safety barrier if a well intersection is not planned and lowering the barrier will not intersect the well.

(3) This petition applies to all methods of underground coal mining.

(b) The petitioner proposes the following mandatory procedures for cleaning out, preparing, plugging, and replugging oil or gas wells:

(1) Procedures for cleaning out and preparing vertical oil and gas wells before plugging or replugging them:

(i) If the well is less than 4,000 feet deep, the petitioner will clean out the well from the surface to at least 200 feet below the lowest mineable coal seam's base, unless the MSHA district manager requires cleaning below that (based on