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*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### 225th Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 225th open meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (also known as the ERISA Advisory Council) will be held on December 12–13, 2024.

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. (ET). On Friday, December 13, 2024, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 3 p.m. (ET), with a break for lunch.

The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210 in Room 6, C5320. The meeting will also be accessible via videoconference and some participants, as well as members of the public, may elect to attend virtually. Instructions and registration for public videoconference access will be available on the ERISA Advisory Council's web page at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/about-us/erisa-advisory-council> approximately one week prior to the meeting.

The purpose of the open meeting is for Advisory Council members to finalize their observations and recommendations on the issues they studied in 2024, present their observations and recommendations to the Department of Labor, and receive an update from leadership of the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA).

The issues studied by the ERISA Advisory Council in 2024 are: (1) Claims and Appeals Procedures, and (2) Qualified Default Investment Alternatives (QDIAs)—Start to Finish, Default to Payout. Descriptions of these topics are available on the ERISA Advisory Council's web page at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/about-us/erisa-advisory-council>.

Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit a written statement may do so on or before

Thursday, December 5, 2024, to Pinar Shapiro, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council. Statements should be transmitted electronically as an email attachment in text or pdf format to [ERISAA AdvisoryCouncil@dol.gov](mailto:ERISAA AdvisoryCouncil@dol.gov).

Statements transmitted electronically that are included in the body of the email will not be accepted. Relevant statements received on or before Thursday, December 5, 2024, will be included in the record of the meeting and made available through the EBSA Public Disclosure Room. No deletions, modifications, or redactions will be made to the statements received as they are public records. *Warning:* Do not include any personally identifiable or confidential business information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

Individuals or representatives of organizations interested in addressing the ERISA Advisory Council at the public meeting must submit a written request to the Executive Secretary on or before Thursday, December 5, 2024, via email to [ERISAA AdvisoryCouncil@dol.gov](mailto:ERISAA AdvisoryCouncil@dol.gov).

Requests to address the Council must include: (1) the name, title, organization, address, email address, and telephone number of the individual who would appear; (2) if applicable, the name of the organization(s) whose views would be represented; and (3) a concise summary of the statement that would be presented. If permitted, oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record.

Individuals who need special accommodations should contact the Executive Secretary on or before Thursday, December 5, 2024, via email to [ERISAA AdvisoryCouncil@dol.gov](mailto:ERISAA AdvisoryCouncil@dol.gov).

For more information about the meeting, contact the Executive Secretary at the address or telephone number above.

Signed at Washington, DC this 31st day of October, 2024.

**Lisa M. Gomez,**

*Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petition 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 a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by American Soda, LLC.

**DATES:** All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before December 6, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA-2024-0031 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for MSHA-2024-0031.
2. *Fax:* 202-693-9441.
3. *Email:* [petitioncomments@dol.gov](mailto:petitioncomments@dol.gov).
4. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:*

MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, Virginia 22202-5452.

*Attention:* S. Aromie Noe, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk, 4th Floor West. Individuals may inspect copies of the petition and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** S. Aromie Noe, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9440 (voice), [Petitionsformodification@dol.gov](mailto:Petitionsformodification@dol.gov) (email), or 202-693-9441 (fax). (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 (CFR) 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.