

standard to permit the reduction of twelve self-contained oxygen breathing apparatus, to eight self-contained breathing apparatus and the reduction of twelve permissible cap lamps and charging rack to eight permissible cap lamps and charging rack. The petitioner asserts that this petition request will in no way alter, change, or reduce the ability, effectiveness, or safety of the underground mine personnel.

*Docket Number:* M-2006-073-C.

*Petitioner:* T.J.S. Mining, Inc., 2340 Smith Road, Shelocta, Pennsylvania 15774.

*Mines:* Rossmoyne No. 1 Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09075), located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania; T.J.S. No. 5 Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09159), located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; and T.J.S. No. 6 Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09464), located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (Quantity and location of firefighting equipment).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner proposes to supply two (2) fire extinguishers or one fire extinguisher of twice the required capacity at all temporary electrical installations in lieu of using 240 pounds of rock dust. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

*Docket Number:* M-2006-074-C.

*Petitioner:* T.J.S. Mining, Inc./Penn View Mining, Inc., 2340 Smith Road, Shelocta, Pennsylvania.

*Mines:* Rossmoyne No. 1 Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09075), located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania; Darmac No. 2 Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 36-08135), located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; T.J.S. No. 5 Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 36-09159), located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; and Penn View Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 36-08741), located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.312(c) (Main mine fan examinations and records).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method for conducting the 31 day test of the fan signal. The petitioner states that to conduct the 31 day test procedure requires stopping and restarting the fan which can cause failure to the fan's electrical circuit, and further undue burden if the fan cannot be restarted within the required fifteen (15) minutes. If the fan is stopped, this would require a special examination to be conducted which requires crawling

approximately 2 miles because some of the mines are thin seam mines (34" - 36" height). The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

*Docket Number:* M-2006-075-C.

*Petitioner:* San Juan Coal Company, P.O. Box 561, Waterflow, New Mexico 87421.

*Mine:* San Juan South Mine, (MSHA I.D. No. 29-02170), located in San Juan County, New Mexico.

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

*Modification Request:* The petitioner has filed a petition for modification to request that Section 2 of the Proposed Decision and Order for its previously granted petition, docket number M-2000-109-C, be amended. The petitioner's previously granted petition permits mining through oil and gas wells. The petitioner requests that Section 2 of the Proposed Decision and Order of its previously granted petition be changed to further clarify the specific procedures required when approaching and cutting through the well, and to also bring the petition more in line with other granted petitions for safety standard 30 CFR 75.1700. The petitioner asserts that this amendment to the previously granted petition will provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing modification requirements.

*Docket Number:* M-2006-010-M.

*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).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner proposes to use state-of-the-art Pelligrini and Timberland stiff-leg derricks as man-hoists into the dimensional stone quarry, and use the company's hand signaling system daily to direct the derrick as an alternative to using the Position Indicator. The petitioner states that Swenson Granites' Gray Quarry is an open dimensional granite quarry that operates fixed stiff-leg derricks to lift stone and equipment, and that an accurate and reliable indicator of the skip or cage position will be provided in the shaft. The petitioner further states that the derricks operate and reach all areas of the quarry floor and walls and offer full view of the hook and loads, and the operation relies 100 percent on constant view of the hook and load, or the operation is stopped and conditions are improved to 100 percent visibility.

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

*Docket Number:* M-2006-011-M.

*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 56.19090 (Dual signaling systems).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner proposes to use state-of-the-art Pelligrini and Timberland stiff-leg derricks as man-hoists into their dimensional stone quarry, and use the company's hand signaling system daily to direct the derrick as an alternative to using the speaking tube. The petitioner states that Swenson Granites' Gray Quarry is an open dimensional granite quarry that operates fixed stiff-leg derricks to lift stone and equipment. The petitioner proposes to continue using man hoisting with equipment that has been replaced by two newer stiff-leg derricks which they have done for many years. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 22nd day of November 2006.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

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

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Information Security Oversight Office

#### Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB); Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 1102 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 which extended and modified the Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB) as established by the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-567, title VII, December 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2856), announcement is made for the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB).

*Date of Meeting:* Friday, December 15, 2006.

*Time of Meeting:* 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Place of Meeting:* National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Rooms 500/501, Washington, DC 20408.

*Purpose:* To discuss declassification program issues.

This meeting will be open to the public. However, due to space limitations and access procedures, the name and telephone number of individuals planning to attend must be submitted to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) no later than Monday, December 11, 2006. ISOO will provide additional instructions for gaining access to the location of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. William Leonard, Director Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20408, telephone number (202) 357-5250.

Dated: November 30, 2006.

**J. William Leonard,**

*Director, Information Security Oversight Office.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 72-35]

### **Energy Northwest, Columbia Generating Station Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding a Proposed Exemption**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is considering a request dated September 14, 2006, from Energy Northwest (applicant or Energy Northwest) for an exemption from certain requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 72 (10 CFR part 72), specifically, 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(2)(i)(A), 72.212(b)(7), and 72.214, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, for the Columbia Generating Station (CGS) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), located on the CGS site in Benton County,

Washington. The CGS ISFSI is an existing facility constructed for interim dry storage of spent nuclear fuel.

At the CGS ISFSI, Energy Northwest has stored spent nuclear fuel in fifteen Holtec International HI-STORM 100 storage casks. As set forth in 10 CFR 72.214, the NRC has approved use of the HI-STORM 100 Cask System in Certificate of Compliance (CoC) 1014. The NRC has issued Amendments 1 (effective date July 15, 2002) and 2 (effective date June 7, 2005) to CoC 1014. Energy Northwest loaded the spent nuclear fuel into the HI-STORM 100 storage casks at the CGS ISFSI under Amendment 1. If approved by the NRC, the exemption would apply to all HI-STORM 100 storage casks fabricated and used in accordance with Amendment 1 of CoC 1014 at the CGS ISFSI.

The exemption would authorize the applicant to perform analyses consistent with that granted by the NRC in Amendment 2 to CoC 1014 in lieu of certain analyses required by Amendment 1 to CoC 1014, specifically, Appendix B, Section 3.4.3.a., Site Specific Parameters and Analyses (concerning the determination of Holtec HI-STORM 100/ISFSI pad interface coefficient of friction under environmental conditions that may degrade the pad/cask interface, such as those caused by icing).

The NRC has prepared an environmental assessment for this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the environmental assessment, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action.

### **Environmental Assessment (EA)**

#### **I. Identification of Proposed Action**

By letter dated September 14, 2006, Energy Northwest requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a), 72.212(b)(2)(i), 72.212(b)(7) and 72.214, specifically, exemption from complying with Appendix B, Section 3.4.3.a., Site Specific Parameters and Analyses of Amendment 1 to CoC 1014, which requires a determination of the HI-STORM 100/ISFSI pad interface coefficient of friction under environmental conditions that may degrade the pad/cask interface, such as those caused by icing. Approval of the exemption request would allow the applicant to perform an analysis consistent with that granted by the NRC in Amendment 2 to CoC 1014 when evaluating icing conditions between the

bottom of the HI-STORM 100 storage casks and the ISFSI pad in lieu of determining the HI-STORM 100/ISFSI interface coefficient of friction. The presence of ice formation at the interface between the bottom of the HI-STORM 100 storage casks and the ISFSI pad can result in the storage system being in an unanalyzed condition. Energy Northwest determined that the HI-STORM 100 storage casks used at the CGS ISFSI were susceptible to the icing phenomena and developed compensatory measures during cold weather conditions to maintain the friction coefficient in accordance with Amendment 1 to CoC 1014.

For the NRC to permit Energy Northwest to demonstrate the safe condition of the HI-STORM 100 storage casks at the CGS ISFSI during cold weather conditions by performing analyses consistent with methods approved in Amendment 2 to CoC 1014, the NRC must grant Energy Northwest an exemption from certain general license conditions defined in 10 CFR 72.212 and the list of approved casks in 10 CFR 72.214. The NRC regulation, 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), states that the general license for the storage of spent nuclear fuel at power reactor sites is limited to storage in casks approved under the provisions in 10 CFR part 72. By exempting Energy Northwest from 10 CFR 72.214, 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2) and certain other regulations in 10 CFR part 72.212 that concern compliance with the applicable CoC, namely, 72.212(b)(2)(i)(A) and 72.212(b)(7), Energy Northwest will be authorized to deviate from CoC 1014 (Amendment 1) Appendix B, Section 3.4.3.a, which requires determination of the HI-STORM 100/ISFSI pad interface coefficient of friction.

#### **II. Need for the Proposed Action**

Fifteen HI-STORM 100 storage casks have been loaded under Amendment 1 of CoC 1014 and are stored at the CGS ISFSI. Energy Northwest is currently performing compensatory measures during cold weather conditions, including monitoring operator walkdowns, de-icing, and clearing of a pathway on the ISFSI for draining, to maintain the friction coefficient in accordance with Amendment 1 to CoC 1014. Elimination of the need to continue implementation of these compensatory measures would reduce worker radiation dose and free operators to be more responsive to other duties.

#### **III. Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action**

The potential environmental impact of using the HI-STORM 100 Cask