

PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
AUGUST 24, 2004
9:00 A.M.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
LITTLE AMERICA HOTEL
500 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Panel Members: Pam King
Phan Phuc
Mike Kalich
Rebecca Smith
Tom MacLeod
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. SMITH: Good morning. My name is
3 Becky Smith. I am the deputy director of the Mine
4 Safety and Health Administrations Office of Standards,
5 Regulations and Variances.

6 This hearing was announced in a Federal
7 Register document on July the 16th, and the
8 announced purpose of this hearing was to obtain
9 information from the public on a proposed rule that
10 was published also on July 16th. That proposed rule
11 would include shaft and slope construction workers
12 under MSHA's Part 48 training requirements. Under
13 the proposed rule, shaft and slope construction
14 workers at surface and underground coal and metal
15 and non-metal mines will be treated like extraction
16 and production workers and subject to the same
17 Part 48 training requirements.

18 We have not had individuals sign up to
19 speak at this hearing, nor do we have individuals in
20 attendance at this public hearing, therefore we are
21 going to close the record at this point. We will
22 come back on the record in about an hour and a half,
23 about 10:30, to see if we do have speakers or
24 attendees at that point, and we will reopen the

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(Off the record, 9:03.)

MS. SMITH: It's 10:30. We're going to go back on the record. We have had no requests for testimony at this public hearing nor attendees, therefore we are going to close the record on this public hearing.

(Concluded at 10:30 a.m.)

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