

## II. Petition for Modification

*Docket Number:* M–2025–001–M.

*Petitioner:* Nyrstar Tennessee Mines—Strawberry Plains, LLC, 2421 W Old Andrew Johnson Hwy., Strawberry Plains, TN 37871.

*Mine:* Immel Mine, MSHA ID No. 40–00170, located in Knox County, Tennessee.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 57.19073, Hoisting during shift changes.

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of 30 CFR 57.19073 to allow use of the currently installed hoisting system at the mine to transport both materials and miners in the same shaft during shift changes.

*The petitioner states that:*

(a) On November 13, 2024, MSHA informed the operator that the Agency would begin issuing citations regarding use of the hoist at the Immel Mine. MSHA stated that the citations would be based on a violation of 30 CFR 57.19073 for miners being transported in the cage while materials were on the skip because the compartments and dumping bins are not partitioned to prevent spillage into the cage compartment.

(b) The hoist is a single drum friction hoist powered by a 900 HP GE motor. The Canadian Ingersoll-Rand original serial number is 1832–B.

(c) The shaft is circular, unlined, has a 23-foot diameter, and is 1,642 feet deep.

(d) The shaft has three main compartments, constructed with steel sets, with one conveyance in each compartment. The three compartments are: an ore skip, a small personnel cage, and a larger service and personnel cage.

(e) The standard does not require that there be a particular type of partitions between the compartments.

(f) The larger service and personnel cage is partitioned from the ore skip because it is fully covered and in a separate part of the shaft.

(g) The ore skip is counterbalanced by the larger service and personnel cage which has counterweights affixed to it.

(h) The ore skip has a capacity of approximately 14 tons. It is never filled to the brim, is enclosed by a door with latches, filled below its tonnage rating (generally loaded 2 tons less than its capacity), and is only above the larger service and personnel cage for a small portion of the shaft.

(i) The shaft also has three auxiliary compartments, adjacent to the three main compartments, which are used for mine services—compressed air, water, and electricity.

(j) The petitioner and its predecessors have operated the hoist, as designed, since 1972.

(k) The petitioner has implemented a temporary workaround in which only six miners can be loaded on the large service and personnel cage while the ore skip remains unloaded to avoid an insufficient counterweight for the ore skip.

(l) The current use of the hoist (as described under the alternative method) provides an equivalent degree of safety as that afforded by the standard.

(m) Keeping the ore skip empty and manually removing counterweights each time personnel need to ride in the large cage would result in a diminution of safety. The process of removing the counterweights is time-consuming, dangerous, and creates additional opportunity for risk and human error.

The petitioner proposes the following alternative method:

(a) The lead-zinc ore shall be unloaded into the hoist to be transported to the surface.

(b) The larger service and personnel cage shall serve as the counterweight during operation of the ore skip to transport the ore from production levels to the surface.

(c) As part of the counterweight function, weights shall be affixed to the bottom of the larger service and personnel cage.

(d) The ore skip shall not be filled to the brim and shall dump away from the larger service and personnel cage.

There is no representative of miners at the Immel Mine. A copy of the petition for modification was posted on the mine bulletin board on May 16, 2025.

The petitioner asserts that the alternative method proposed will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded to the miners under the mandatory standard.

**Jessica D. Senk,**

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

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Cumulative Report of Rescissions Proposals Pursuant to the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of monthly cumulative report pursuant to the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, OMB is issuing a monthly cumulative report (for July 2025) from the Director detailing the status of rescission proposals that were previously transmitted to the Congress on June 3, 2025.

**DATES:** Release Date: July 9, 2025

**ADDRESSES:** The July 2025 cumulative report is available on-line on the OMB website at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-resources/legislative/supplementals-amendments-and-releases/>.

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**Russell T. Vought,**

*Director.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Renew an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NSF is announcing plans to request renewed clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing the opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by September 12, 2025, to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

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