

DATES: The meeting includes a field tour on December 5, 2002 departing the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, at 1 p.m. and returning at 5 p.m. The business meeting will be held December 6, 2002 at the BLM Elko Field Office beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment period will begin at approximately 1 p.m. and the meeting will adjourn approximately 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brown, Public Affairs Officer, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0386. E-mail: mbrown@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. The field tour will visit the Conner's Creek and focus on livestock management and restoration issues. In the event of inclement weather, the tour will visit the Maggie Creek area and focus on mining and restoration issues. *At the business meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:*

Off-Highway Vehicle Final Guidelines,
Vegetation Draft Guidelines,
Mining Update,
California National Historic Trail
Interpretive Center,
Coordinated Noxious Weed Treatments,
Field Managers' and District Rangers'
Reports,
Other topics the Council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mike Brown, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, telephone (775) 753-0386.

Dated: October 23, 2002.

David Stout,

Associate Field Manager.

[FR Doc. 02-27556 Filed 10-29-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-HC-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Navajo Unit, Colorado River Storage Project, New Mexico and Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for 30 days.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period for the Navajo Reservoir Operations Draft Environmental Impact Statement is extended an additional 30 days to December 4, 2002. The end of the public comment period, as noted in the September 4, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 56580) was November 4, 2002.

DATES: The public comment period is now extended to December 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DEIS should be addressed to Ken Beck, Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 400, Durango, Colorado 81301; telephone (970) 385-6558; faxogram (970) 385-6539; e-mail: navcomments@uc.usbr.gov. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Beck, Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 400, Durango, Colorado 81301, telephone (970) 385-6558.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

Errol Bartholomew,

Acting Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region.

[FR Doc. 02-27544 Filed 10-29-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-MN-P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of existing safety standards under section

101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Speed Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-082-C]

Speed Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 1083, Beckley, West Virginia 25802 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its American Eagle Mine (I.D. No. 46-05437) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests that its previous petition for modification, docket number M-2001-041-C, be amended as follows: The petitioner will drill out each of the oil wells as already specified in the previous petition. The petitioner will pump the expandable cement to the bottom of the lowest minable seam (Eagle) and pump Portable Class "A" cement on top of the expandable plug to the next Powellton Seam which is approximately 117 feet above. The petitioner states that the Powellton Seam is the anticipated area for broken strata due to subsidence. The petitioner will leave the area from Powellton Seam to the surface open for release of methane from the longwall gob after the longwall has intersected the well. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. H&M Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2002-084-C]

H&M Coal Company, 48 Meadowview Road, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17663 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1400 (Hoisting equipment; general) to its Rocky Top Mine (I.D. No. 36-09072) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use a slope conveyance (gunboat) for transporting persons without installing safety catches or other no less effective devices. The petitioner would instead use increased rope strength and secondary safety rope connections in place of such devices. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. KenAmerican Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-085-C]

KenAmerican Resources, Inc., 881 Corporate Dr., Suite 204, Lexington, Kentucky 40503 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(g) (Escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Brier Creek Mine (I.D. No. 15-18495) located in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the