

ventilated with Belt Intake Air from the Hunt Slope. The No. 2 belt joins at the Northeast Mains and shares the same ventilation source, as do the adjacent travel ways along the Nos. 1 and 2 belts.

(e) There are approximately 18 electrical installations located at the Bottom Area and along the Nos. 1 and 2 belts which are subject to the AMS requirements set forth in 30 CFR 75.351(h). Three electrical installations located further inby along the No. 2 belt are not subject to this petition and will have AMS sensors located within 50 feet. This petition applies only to those installations located in the Belt Intake Air Course in the Bottom Area, No. 1 belt.

(f) The Bottom Area and travel ways along the Nos. 1 and 2 belt experience frequent utilization of diesel-powered equipment. The current placement of AMS units within 50 feet of each electrical installation in these areas has historically resulted in nuisance CO alarms unrelated to detection of fire conditions.

(g) Miners frequently work and travel in this area operating equipment, monitoring and examining the belt and belt structure, and working in and around the diesel shop. The Bottom Area is not a remote location that primarily relies on atmospheric monitoring to detect combustion.

(h) On January 29, 2026, ICG Beckley, LLC submitted a proposed revision to its approved ventilation plan to the MSHA Beckley District Office. The revised ventilation plan would permit the utilization of Belt Intake Air to ventilate certain working sections of the mine. The proposed revision underwent two District reviews and final approval was obtained on February 19, 2026.

(i) The proposed alternative method for atmospheric monitoring of outby electrical installations guarantees no less than the same measure of protection and early fire detection afforded by the existing standard.

The petitioner proposes the following alternative method:

(a) Install five AMS units at strategic locations based upon ventilation modeling and CO transport time analysis to allow for continuous monitoring of CO levels at or below existing MSHA-approved alarm setpoints.

(b) Airflow volume in the petition area is approximately 108,297 cubic feet per minute, with average air velocities of 505 feet per minute. At this velocity, the CO detection time at the strategically placed AMS units would be:

(1) Longest—128 seconds (from electrical installation at the elevator air lock doors); and

(2) Shortest—9 seconds (from the electrical installations at 9 break to the AMS units at 10 break).

(c) The five AMS units create overlapping coverage zones which cover all electrical installations in the Bottom Area, the Nos. 1 and 2 belt, and associated travel ways. Ventilation models show no dead air zones exist between any electrical installation and proposed AMS unit location.

(d) The proposed AMS unit configuration will reduce nuisance alarms while maintaining early fire detection capability, enhancing AMS alarm reliability, improving miner confidence in alarm signals, and promoting prompt and effective response to fire conditions.

(e) The AMS units will continue to comply with applicable fire detection, suppression, examination, and response requirements including immediate alarm transmission to the surface monitoring station, identical fire response procedures, and reevaluation of AMS placement upon any material change in ventilation quantity, direction, or electrical installation location.

(f) In support of the proposed alternative method, ICG Beckley, LLC has also submitted a table that depicts air flow volume under the approved ventilation change and a map of the proposed locations of the five AMS units in the Bottom Area, No. 1 belt.

(g) A copy of the petition was mailed to the miners' representative on April 15, 2026. A copy of the petition was also posted on the mine bulletin board on April 6, 2026.

Jessica D. Senk,

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

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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 Sally Ann Coal Company, Inc.

DATES: All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before July 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA-2026-0232 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for MSHA-2026-0232.

2. *Fax:* 202-693-9441.

3. *Email:* petitioncomments@dol.gov.

4. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Room C3522, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Attention: Jessica D. Senk, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Individuals may inspect copies of the petition and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9440 to make an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica D. Senk, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9440 (voice), 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.

In addition, sections 44.10 and 44.11 of 30 CFR establish the requirements for filing petitions for modification.

II. Petition for Modification

Docket Number: M-2026-007-C.

Petitioner: Sally Ann Coal Company, Inc., 356 South College Drive, Bluefield, VA 24605.

Mine: No. 1 Mine, MSHA ID No. 46–07366, located in McDowell County, West Virginia.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75–1101–1(b), Deluge-type water spray systems.

Modification Request: The petitioner seeks a petition for modification of standard 30 CFR 75.1101–1(b) to modify the requirement that nozzles be provided with blow-off dust covers on their deluge-type water spray systems.

The petitioner states that:

(a) 30 CFR 75.1101–1(b) provides that “Nozzles attached to the branch lines shall be full core, corrosion resistant and provided with blow-off dust covers.”

(b) Sections 75.1101–1 through 75.1101–4 set forth various requirements regarding deluge-type water spray systems; among those requirements there is no mandate to inspect and functionally test such systems. Nevertheless, Sally Ann Coal Company conducts a weekly inspection and functional test of its complete deluge-type water spray system.

(c) Currently, Sally Ann Coal Company complies with the requirements of 75.1101–1(b) by providing each nozzle with a blow-off dust cover. In view of the frequent inspections and functional testing of the system, the dust covers are not necessary because the nozzles can be maintained in an unclogged condition through weekly use. Further, it is burdensome to recap the large number of covers weekly after each inspection and functional test.

(d) The alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners employed at No. 1 Mine by the standard.

The petitioner proposes the following alternative method:

(a) Sally Ann Coal Company proposes the following alternative method of achieving the result of the standard set forth in section 75.1101–1(b), insofar as it requires that nozzles be provided with blow-off dust covers.

(1) Sally Ann Coal Company proposes to continue its weekly inspection and functional testing of the complete deluge-type water spray system.

(2) Sally Coal Company proposes to remove blow-off dust covers from the nozzles.

(b) The miners at No. 1 Mine are not represented by a miners representative and the petition for modification is posted on the mine bulletin board as of February 19, 2026.

The petitioner asserts that the alternative method will guarantee no less than the same measure of protection

afforded the miners under the mandatory standard.

Jessica D. Senk,

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

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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 Fossil Rock Resources, LLC.

DATES: All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA’s Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before July 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA–2026–0496 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for MSHA–2026–0496.
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In addition, sections 44.10 and 44.11 of 30 CFR establish the requirements for filing petitions for modification.

II. Petition for Modification

Docket Number: M–2026–012–C.

Petitioner: Fossil Rock Resources, LLC, 5125 N Cottonwood Road Orangeville UT 84537.

Mine: Fossil Rock Mine, MSHA ID No. 42–01211, located in Emery County, Utah.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75–507–1, Electric equipment other than power-connection points; outby the last open crosscut; return air; permissibility requirements.

Modification Request: The petitioner requests modification of standard 30 CFR 75.507–1 to permit the use of intrinsically safe powered air-purifying respirators (PAPRs) and specified full-face respirators in return air outby the last open crosscut at the Fossil Rock Mine.

The petitioner states that:

(a) The petitioner seeks this modification because PAPRs that meet MSHA permissibility requirements for use in gassy underground coal mines are no longer manufactured or commercially available. Fossil Rock Mine has determined that currently available respiratory protection devices that provide equivalent or greater protection from respirable coal mine dust exposure are limited to intrinsically safe PAPRs that meet internationally recognized hazardous-location safety standards rather than MSHA permissibility approvals. Fossil Rock Mine has evaluated available respiratory protection equipment and determined that the devices identified in the petition incorporate intrinsic safety protections and are certified to recognize hazardous-location standards such as ANSI/UL 60079–11. These devices provide positive-pressure respiratory protection and are designed for use in environments where ignition hazards may exist. Because MSHA-approved permissible PAPRs for underground coal mines are