CCASE:

SOL (MSHA) v. PITTSBURG AND MIDWAY COAL MINING

DDATE: 19910401 TTEXT: Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission
Office of Administrative Law Judges
The Federal Building
Room 280, 1244 Speer Boulevard
Denver, CO 80204

SECRETARY OF LABOR,
MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH

CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDING

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA),
PETITIONER

Docket No. CENT 90-120 A.C. No. 29-00096-03541

V .

McKinley Mine

PITTSBURG AND MIDWAY COAL MINING COMPANY,

RESPONDENT

DECISION

Appearances: Mary Witherow,

Mary Witherow, Esq., Margaret Terry, Esq., Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, Dallas,

Texas, for Petitioner;

Ray D. Gardner, Esq., John Paul, Esq., The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co., Englewood, Colorado,

for Respondent.

Before: Judge Lasher

This is one of nine dockets which were consolidated for hearing, eight of which were either fully or partially settled after commencement of the hearing. The settlements were approved from the bench on the record.

This docket involves two Section 104(d)(1) ("Unwarrantable Failure") Withdrawal Orders. The parties, as to Order No. 3414833, agree that the "Unwarrantable Failure" classification should be deleted and the nature and issuance authority of this enforcement document changed from a Section 104(d)(1) order to a Section 104(a) Citation with the "Significant and Substantial" designation to remain. In view of such modification, the penalty is to be reduced from \$1,100 to \$371.

As to Order No. 3414834, such is to be affirmed and Respondent agrees to pay in full MSHA's administrative level assessment of \$1,100.

The two penalties agreed to and above indicated are here assessed.

ORDER

- 1. Withdrawal Order No. 3414833 is MODIFIED to change its nature and issuance authority from a Section 104(d)(1) "Unwarrantable Failure" Order to a Section 104(a) Citation with the "Significant and Substantial" designation to remain.
 - 2. Withdrawal Order No. 3414834 is AFFIRMED.
- 3. Respondent SHALL PAY to the Secretary of Labor within 30 days from the issuance date of this decision the penalties hereinabove assessed in the total sum of \$1,471.00

Michael A. Lasher, Jr. Administrative Law Judge