

West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a 2300 volt three-phase alternating current electric power circuit for the pump. The power circuit would be designed and installed to contain (1) either a direct or derived neutral which would be grounded through a suitable resistor at the source transformer or power center; (2) a grounding circuit originating at the grounded side of the grounding resistor that would extend along with the power conductors and serve as the grounding conductor for the frame of the pump and all the associated electric equipment where power is supplied from the circuit; (3) a grounding resistor that would limit the ground fault current to no more than 15 amperes; (4) a suitable circuit breaker to provide protection against grounded phase, undervoltage, short circuit, and overload; (5) a disconnecting device; and (6) a fail-safe ground check circuit. The petitioner has listed in this petition other specific precautions and procedures that would be implemented in using the proposed alternative method, including the submission of a proposed revision of its approved 30 CFR Part 48 training plan to the Coal Mine Safety and Health District Manager for the area in which the pump and pump electric controls are located. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 7. Consolidation Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-79-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Blacksville No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01968) located in Monongalia County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use high-voltage cables not exceeding 4,160 volts in by the last open crosscut and has listed in the petition specific terms and conditions for their safe use. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 8. Little Buck Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-80-C]

Little Buck Coal Company, RD #4, Box 395, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17963 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100 (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its No. 3 Slope Buck Mt. Vein (I.D. No. 36-08568) located in Schuylkill

County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use only portable fire extinguishers to replace existing requirements where rock dust, water cars, and other water storage are not practical. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 9. Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-81-C]

Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, P.O. Box 271, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 77.1304(a) (blasting agents; special provisions) to its Road Creek Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-17008) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use recycled oil from equipment at the Road Creek, Petty's Fork, Gum Branch, Three Mile, Big Branch, and Ridge Top mines, which is filtered and blended with fuel oil, to create an ammonium nitrate-fuel oil (ANFO). The petitioner proposes numerous safeguards for implementing and using the proposed alternative method, and proposes to submit to the District Manager revisions to the mine's approved 30 CFR Part 48 training plan within 60 days after the petition is granted. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before August 15, 1997. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: July 8, 1997.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-97-35]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Derricks (29 CFR 1910.181(g)(1) and 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(3))—Inspection Certifications

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements contained in 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(1) and 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(3). The Agency is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
  - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
  - Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-35, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Sauger or Belinda Cannon, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7202. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Theda Kenney at (202) 219-8061, ext. 100, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, ext. 142. For electronic copies of the information Collection Request on the certification provisions of Derricks, contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on "standards."

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **1. Background**

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes the promulgation of such health and safety standards as are necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

The inspection certification records required in 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(1) and 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(3) are necessary to assure compliance with the requirement for ropes on derricks. They are intended to assure that the ropes have monthly maintenance checks and that the inspections are recorded.

##### **II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the inspection certification requirements contained in 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(1) and 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(3)—Derricks (currently approved under OMB Control No. 1218-0210).

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Derricks (29 CFR 1910.181(g)(1) and 29 CFR 1910.181(g)(3)—Inspection Certifications.

*OMB Number:* 1218-.

*Agency Number:* Docket Number ICR-97-35.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Average Time per Response:* 0.25 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 28,508.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of July 1997.

**John F. Martonik,**

*Acting Director, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

##### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR 97-13]

##### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Asbestos in General Industry**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Asbestos Standard 29 CFR 1910.1001. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee

listed below in the addressee section of this notice. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection technique or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by September 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 97-13, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 or Todd Owen at (202) 219-7075. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Asbestos in General Industry contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on standards.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Asbestos standard and its information collection is designed to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to asbestos. The standard requires employers to monitor employee exposure to asbestos, to monitor employee health and to provide employees with information about their exposures and the health effects of injuries.