

used in both underground and surface coal, metal, and nonmetal mines. Title 30 CFR, Parts 15 through 36 contain procedures by which manufacturers may apply for and have equipment approved as "permissible" for use in mines.

II. Current Actions

Title 30 CFR Parts 15 through 36 require that an investigation leading to

approval or certification will be undertaken by the Approval and Certification Center (A&CC) only pursuant to a written application accompanied by prescribed drawings and specifications identifying the piece of equipment. This information is used by engineers and scientists to evaluate the design in conjunction with tests to

assure conformance to standards prior to approval for use in mines.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Permissible Equipment Testing.

OMB Number: 1219-0066.

Agency Number: MSHA 702.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden hours
Part 15	6	On occasion	6	1 hr., 53 min	11
Part 18	708	On occasion	708	1 hr., 50 min	8,136
Part 19	5	On occasion	5	11 hrs. 36 min	58
Part 20	8	On occasion	8	8 hrs	64
Part 21	8	On occasion	8	8 hrs	64
Part 22	11	On occasion	11	9 hrs., 38 min	106
Part 23	12	On occasion	12	8 hrs., 15 min	99
Part 24	3	On occasion	3	12 hrs	36
Part 26	3	On occasion	3	14 hrs	42
Part 27	8	On occasion	8	8 hrs., 45 min	70
Part 28	3	On occasion	3	13 hrs., 20 min	40
Part 29	3	On occasion	3	10 hrs	30
Part 33	12	On occasion	12	6 hrs., 30 min	78
Part 35	5	On occasion	5	25 hrs	125
Part 36	81	On occasion	81	8 hrs., 44 min	654
Totals	876	.....	876	.....	9,613

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$1,849,376.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Examinations and Test of Electrical Equipment

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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Examinations and Tests of Electrical Equipment. MSHA 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mrs. O'Malley can be reached at tomalley@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Inadequate maintenance of electric equipment is a major cause of serious electrical accidents in the coal mining industry. Improperly maintained electric equipment has also been responsible for many disastrous mine fires and explosions. The most recent example is the mine fire that occurred at the Wilberg Mine, resulting in the deaths of 27 miners. It is imperative that mine operators adopt and follow an effective maintenance program to ensure that electric equipment is maintained in a safe operating condition if electrocutions, mine fires, and mine explosions are to be prevented.

II. Current Actions

The subject regulations require the mine operator to establish an electrical maintenance program by specifying minimum requirements for the examination, testing, and maintenance of electric equipment. The regulations also contain recordkeeping requirements which may in some instances help operators in implementing an effective maintenance program. The subject records of tests and examinations are examined by coal miners, coal mine officials, and MSHA inspectors. MSHA inspectors examine the records to determine if the required tests and examinations have been conducted and to identify units of electric equipment that may be creating

excessive safety problems, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the coal mine operator's electrical maintenance programs. By comparing the records with the actual condition of electric equipment, MSHA inspectors may in some cases be able to identify weaknesses in the coal mine operator's electrical maintenance programs and require that he weaknesses be corrected.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Examination and Tests of Electrical Equipment.

OMB Number: 1219-0067.

Agency Number: MSHA 224.

Recordkeeping: 1 year.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden hours
75.512	16,742	Weekly	870,584	42 minutes	593,762
75.703-3(d)(11)	Included with 75.512 calculati on.	.....	.....	.....	.....
77.502	25,485	Monthly	305,820	1 hour	228,091
75.800-4 and 77.800-2	3,115	Monthly	37,380	45 minutes	28,035
77.900-2	1,699	Monthly	20,388	45 minutes	15,291
75.900-4	5,970	Monthly	71,640	1.5 hours	107,460
75.1001-1(c)	1,000	6 months	2,000	1.5 hours	3,000
75.342(a)(4)	1,040	Monthly	12,480	45 minutes	9,360
75.351	647	Monthly	7,764	1.5 hours	9,705
Totals	55,698 .....	.....	1,328,056 .....	.....	994,704

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$30,000.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$390.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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ACTION: Proposed rescission of Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Policy Letter 79-4, Contracting for Motion Picture Productions and Videotape Productions.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Federal Procurement Policy intends to rescind Policy Letter 79-4, Contracting for Motion Picture Productions and Videotape Productions on December 24, 1998. The purpose of the Policy Letter was to designate a uniform government-wide system to be used in contracting for motion picture and videotape production, including the establishment of a Qualified Producers List to enhance competition. Management studies in the 1970s indicated dissatisfaction with the policies and procedures the government followed when contracting for production of motion pictures and videotapes. In response, OFPP Policy Letter 79-4 was developed to: reduce perceived waste and inefficiency in contracting for such services; ensure that the government obtains such services at fair, competitive prices; provide a central point within the government where interested persons can obtain information on relevant contracting procedures and

opportunities; and increase competition for these contracts. However, changes over the last 19 years in both the marketplace for these services and procurement laws and regulations make the Policy Letter obsolete. Today there are thousands of commercial producers of motion picture and videotape productions, competition is the norm, contracting officers routinely obtain past performance information, and Internet access (see Supplementary Information below) as well as other marketplace tools provide sources of supply. It is no longer cost-effective or efficient for the government to maintain an office dedicated to evaluating contractors and maintaining a Qualified Producers List in this commercial environment.

DATES: Persons who wish to comment on the proposed rescission of OFPP Policy Letter 79-4 should submit their comments no later than December 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Michael Gerich, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Room 9001 New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Gerich, Office of Federal

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Office of Federal Procurement Policy

Rescission of Office of Federal Procurement Policy Policy Letter 79-4, Contracting for Motion Picture Productions and Videotape Productions

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy.