

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 Applications for Approval of Sanitary Toilet Facilities. 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 30, 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 to [psilvey@msha.gov](mailto: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 Management Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety

and Health Administration, Room 719, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mrs. O'Malley can be reached at [tamale@msha.gov](mailto:tamale@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

A sanitary toilet is required by 30 CFR 71.500 at surface coal mines at a location that is convenient to each work site and by 30 CFR 75.1712-6 in underground coal mines within 500 feet of each working place where miners are regularly employed. The standards further require that only sanitary toilet facilities, approved by MSHA, be used. Manufacturers may either call or write to MSHA to learn what information is required to be included on applications for approval. To obtain approval, a manufacturer of sanitary toilet facilities, must submit an application and provide sufficient information for an effective evaluation of the sanitary features of the facilities. Applications are submitted to the Division of Health, Coal Mine Safety and Health, MSHA.

##### II. Current Actions

MSHA uses the information to properly ascertain if the mine operator is in compliance with the applicable standards.

##### *Type of Review:*

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Applications for Approval of Sanitary Toilet Facilities.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0101 (extension).

*Agency Number:* MSHA 209.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Total Respondents:* 2.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* 8.

*Total Burden Hours:* 16.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* 0.

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 24, 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; Hoist Operators Physical Fitness; and Physical Requirements for Mine Rescue Teams and Man Hoist Operators

**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 Hoist Operators Physical Fitness; and Physical Requirements for Mine Rescue Teams. 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

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Theresa O'Malley, Program Analysis Office, 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](mailto:tomalley@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Title 30 CFR Sections 56.19057 and 57.19057 require the annual certification of hoist operator's fitness. The safety of all metal and nonmetallic miners riding hoist conveyances is dependent upon the attentiveness and physical capabilities of the hoist operators, especially in emergency evacuations. Improper movements, overspeed, and overtravel of a hoisting conveyance can result in serious physical harm or death to all passengers. Unlike other industries, the hazards of mining are not reduced in small operations because of the volume of material to be processed and the heavy equipment used. This precludes making exceptions to safety standards for small mines in order to reduce the burden imposed by the standard. However, small mine operators are likely to have fewer hoist operators.

Section 49.7(a) requires each mine rescue team member to be examined annually by a physician who shall certify that he/she is physically fit to perform mine rescue and recovery work for a prolonged period under extreme conditions. Small operators are not exempt from the requirement for a medical examination for mine rescue personnel; however, they are allowed to provide an approved alternative mine rescue capability.

##### II. Current Actions

Title 30 CFR Sections 56.19057 and 57.19057 require the annual certification of hoist operator's fitness. The safety of all metal and nonmetallic miners riding hoist conveyance is

dependent upon the attentiveness and physical capabilities of the hoist operators, especially during emergency evacuations. Improper movements, overspeed, and overtravel of a hoisting conveyance can result in serious physical harm or death to all passengers. Small mine operators are likely to have fewer hoist operators.

Section 49.7(a) requires each member of a mine rescue team to be examined annually by a physician who shall certify that he/she is physically fit to perform mine rescue and recovery work for a prolonged period under strenuous conditions.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Record of all Certified and Qualified Persons; Hoist Operators Physical Fitness; and Physical Requirements for Mine Rescue Teams.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0049.

*Agency Number:* MSHA 221.

*Record keeping:* At least one year from the time that certification is obtained.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit Cite/Reference/Form: 30 CFR 56/57.19057 and 30 CFR 49.7.

*Total Respondents:* 1,154.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 18,206.

*Average Time per Response:* 50 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,511.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$5,277,703.

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 24, 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; Records of All Certified And Qualified Persons; and Man Hoist Operators Physical Fitness

**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 Record of all Certified and Qualified Persons; and Man Hoist Operators Physical Fitness. 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;
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