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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### **Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Record of Examination for Hazardous Conditions**

**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 the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 709A, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Mrs. Teaster can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 709A, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mrs. Teaster can be reached at [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

Coal mine operators are required by 30 CFR 77.1713 to conduct examinations of each active working

area of surface mines, active surface installations at these mines, and preparation plants not associated with underground coal mines for hazardous conditions during each shift. A report of any hazardous conditions detected must be entered into a record book, along with a description of any corrective actions taken.

A number of potential hazards can exist at surface coal mines and facilities. Highwalls, mining equipment, travelways, and the handling of mining materials each present possible hazardous conditions. Since promulgation of 30 CFR 77.1713 in 1971, numerous miners have either lost their lives at the areas affected by the subject standard or received injuries of varying degrees of seriousness. The majority of the injuries and fatalities resulted from hazardous conditions that had not been detected or corrected.

##### **II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Record of Examinations for Hazardous Conditions. 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 may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act submission (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in the For Further Information Contact section of this notice for a hard copy.

##### **III. Current Actions**

By conducting an on-shift examination for hazardous conditions, the mine operator better guarantees a safe working environment for the miners and a reduction in accidents. Examinations for hazardous conditions are required to be conducted each shift. To do so less frequently could allow unsafe conditions to go undetected that might result in an accident.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Record of Examination for Hazardous Conditions.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0083.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 77.1713.

*Total Respondents:* 1,215.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 411,885.

*Average Time per Response:* 1.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 617,828.

*Estimated Total Burden Hour Cost:* \$32,417,434.

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

*Estimated 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: August 18, 2000.

**Brenda C. Teaster,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### **Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Main Fan Operation and Inspection**

**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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 709A, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. Teaster can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 709A, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. Teaster can be reached at [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Title 30, CFR 57.22204, which is applicable only to specific underground mines that are categorized as gassy, requires main fans to have pressure-recording systems. Main fans are to be inspected daily while operating if persons are underground, and certification of the inspection is to be made by signature and date. When accumulations of explosive gases such as methane are not swept from the mine by the main fans, they may reasonably be expected to contact an ignition source. The results are usually disastrous and multiple fatalities may be expected to occur. The main fan requirements of this standard are significantly more stringent than those imposed on nongassy mines.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Main Fan Operation and Inspection. 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 may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in the For Further Information Contact section of this notice for a hard copy.

#### III. Current Actions

Information collected through the pressure recordings is used by the mine operator and MSHA for maintaining a constant vigil on mine ventilation, and to ensure that unsafe conditions are identified early and corrected. Technical consultants may occasionally review the information when solving problems.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Main Fan Operation and Inspection.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0030.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Daily.

*Record keeping:* One year.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 57.22204.

*Total Respondents:* 7.

*Total Responses:* 2,625.

*Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,313.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$735.

*Total Operating and Maintenance Costs:* \$735.

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: August 18, 2000.

**Brenda C. Teaster,**

*Acting Chief, Records Management Division.*

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#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (00-096)]

##### Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of inventions for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has been in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and is available for licensing.

NASA Case Code No. ARC 14366-1: Masked Proportional Routing.

**DATES:** August 24, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rob Padilla, Patent Counsel, Ames Research Center, Mail Code 202A-3, Moffett Field, CA 94035; Tel. (650) 604-5104; Fax (650) 604-7486.

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#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 00-07]

##### Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of inventions for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and are available for licensing:

NASA Case No. MSC 22724-2/3/4/5:

Endothelium Preserving Microwave

Treatment for Atherosclerosis;

NASA Case No. MSC 22743-2/3:

Moving Object Control System;

NASA Case No. MSC 22931-1:

Androgynous, Reconfigurable Closed

Loop Feedback Controlled Low

Impact Docking System with Load

Sensing Electromagnetic Capture

Ring;