

Does This Extension Allow Nationals of Sudan (or Aliens Having No Nationality Who Last Habitually Resided in Sudan) Who Entered the United States After November 9, 1999, To File for TPS?

No. This is a notice of an extension of the TPS designation for Sudan, not a notice of redesignation for Sudan for TPS. An extension of TPS does not change the required dates of continuous residence and continuous physical presence in the United States and does not expand TPS availability to include nationals of Sudan (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Sudan) who arrived in the United States after the date of the most recent redesignation, in this case, November 9, 1999.

Is Late Initial Registration Possible?

Yes. In addition to timely re-registration, late initial registration is possible for some persons from Sudan under 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2). To apply for late initial registration an applicant must:

(1) be a national of Sudan (or an alien who has no nationality and who last habitually resided in Sudan);

(2) have been continuously physically present in the United States since November 9, 1999;

(3) have continuously resided in the United States since November 9, 1999; and,

(4) be admissible as an immigrant, except as provided under section 244(c)(2)(A) of the Act, and not ineligible under section 244(c)(2)(B) of the Act.

Additionally, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that, during the registration period from November 9, 1999, through November 2, 2000, he or she:

(1) was a nonimmigrant or had been granted voluntary departure status or any relief from removal,

(2) had an application for change of status, adjustment of status, asylum, voluntary departure or any relief from pending or subject to further review or appeal,

(3) was a parolee or had a pending request for parole, or

(4) was the spouse or child of an alien currently eligible to be a TPS registrant. 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2).

An applicant for late initial registration must register no later than sixty (60) days from the expiration or termination of conditions described above. 8 CFR 244.2(g).

Notice of Extension of Designation of Sudan Under the TPS Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under sections

244(b)(3)(A) and (C), and (b)(1) of the Act, I have consulted with the appropriate Government agencies concerning whether the conditions under which Sudan was designated for TPS continue to exist. As a result, I determine that the conditions for the designation of TPS for Sudan continue to be met. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). Accordingly, I order as follows:

(1) The designation of Sudan under section 244(b) of the Act is extended for an additional 12-month period from November 2, 2000, until November 2, 2001. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(C).

(2) I estimate that there are approximately 1,500 nationals of Sudan (or aliens who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Sudan) who have been granted TPS and who are eligible for re-registration.

(3) In order to be eligible for TPS during the period from November 2, 2000, to November 2, 2001, a national of Sudan (or alien who has no nationality and who last habitually resided in Sudan) who has already received a grant of TPS under the Sudan TPS designation or who is eligible to file under the late filing provisions of 8 CFR 244.2(f)(2), must register for TPS by filing a new Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, along with an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, within the 30-day period beginning on November 9, 2000 and ending on December 11, 2000. Late registration will be allowed only for good cause shown pursuant to 8 CFR 244.17(c).

(4) Pursuant to section 244(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Attorney General will review, at least 60 days before November 2, 2001, the designation of Sudan under the TPS program to determine whether the conditions for designation continue to be met. 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). Notice of that determination, including the basis for the determination, will be published in the **Federal Register** 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A).

(5) Information concerning the TPS program for nationals of Sudan (or aliens who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Sudan) will be available at local Service offices upon publication of this notice.

Dated: November 2, 2000.

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 1, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 693-4127 or by e-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 693-4129 or by e-mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

Title: Uniform Health Insurance Claim Form—UB-92.

OMB Number: 1215-0176.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal

Government; and individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 166,622.

Number of Annual Responses:

166,622.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 28,538.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Office of Workers Compensation Programs (OWCP) requests hospitals providing medical services to beneficiaries covered under the Federal Employee Compensation Act and the Federal Black Lung Benefits Act to bill on the standard form UB-92. This form identifies the injured worker, the name of the services provided, the conditions being treated and billed amounts. This information is required by OWCP to enable reimbursement for covered services.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Summary of Decisions Granting in Whole or in Part Petitions for Modification

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of affirmative decisions issued by the Administrators for Coal Mine Safety and Health and Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health on petitions for modification of the application of mandatory safety standards.

SUMMARY: Under section 101 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) may allow the modification of the application of a mandatory safety standard to a mine if the Secretary determines either that an alternate method exists at a specific mine that will guarantee no less protection for the miners affected than that provided by the standard, or that the application of the standard at a specific mine will result in a diminution of safety to the affected miners.

Final decisions on these petitions are based upon the petitioner's statements, comments and information submitted by interested persons, and a field

investigation of the conditions at the mine. MSHA, as designee of the Secretary, has granted or partially granted the requests for modification listed below. In some instances, the decisions are conditioned upon compliance with stipulations stated in the decision. The term "FR Notice" appears in the list of affirmative decisions below. The term refers to the **Federal Register** volume and page where MSHA published a notice of the filing of the petition for modification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Petitions and copies of the final decisions are available for examination by the public in the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Contact Barbara Barron at 703-235-1910.

Dated: November 1, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

Affirmative Decisions on Petitions for Modification

Docket No.: M-2000-003-C.

FR Notice: 65 FR 10563.

Petitioner: Big Ridge, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1700.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to plug and mine in close proximity to, or through oil and gas wells and to notify the District Manager or designee: prior to mining within 300 feet of the well; in sufficient time to have an opportunity to have a representative present; and when a specific plan is developed for mining through each well. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Big Ridge Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for mining through or near (whenever the safety barrier diameter is reduced to a distance less than the District Manager would approve pursuant to Section 75.1700) plugged oil and gas wells penetrating the Illinois No. 5 seam and other mineable coal seams at the Big Ridge Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2000-004-C.

FR Notice: 65 FR 10563.

Petitioner: Aracoma Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1002.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use a 2,400 volt continuous mining system in by the last open crosscut and within 150 feet from pillar workings using the specific terms and conditions listed in the petition for modification. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Aracoma Alma Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Aracoma Alma Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2000-006-C.

FR Notice: 65 FR 10563.

Petitioner: Marrowbone Development Company (Eastern Mingo Coal Company).

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1002.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use 2,400-volt AC continuous mining equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Drautz Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Drautz Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2000-011-C.

FR Notice: 65 FR 10564.

Petitioner: Alex Energy, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.350.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use air coursed through the belt haulage entry to ventilate active working places by installing a carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries used to carry intake air to a working place. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Jerry Fork Eagle Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Jerry Fork Eagle Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2000-016-C.

FR Notice: 65 FR 16966.

Petitioner: Elk Run Coal Company.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.350.

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to use air coursed through the conveyor belt entry at a velocity of at least 50 feet per minute to ventilate active working places installing a low-level carbon monoxide system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries used to course intake air to a working place. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the White Knight Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the White Knight Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2000-017-C.

FR Notice: 65 FR 16966.

Petitioner: FKZ Coal, Inc.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a).

Summary of Findings: Petitioner's proposal is to conduct mine surveys and revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6 months as required, and to update maps daily by hand notations, and conduct subsequent surveys prior to commencing retreat mining and whenever a drilling program under 30 CFR 75.388 or plan for mining into inaccessible areas under 30 CFR 75.389 is required. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the No. 1 Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the No. 1 Slope Mine with conditions.

Docket No.: M-2000-023-C.

FR Notice: 65 FR 19928.