

compatible, we advise the applicant of the estimated administrative costs and estimated application processing time. In addition to the administrative costs, we require the applicant to pay a use fee based on a valuation or by competitive bidding. If the application is for construction of a bridge, building, or other significant construction project, Reclamation may require that all plans and specifications be signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer.

II. Changes to the Use Authorization Application Form and Its Instructions

We changed the form and its instructions to expand the examples in the instructions of proposed uses for which you may seek permission and changed some language to more closely reflect the actual wording of 43 CFR part 429.

We made other changes to the form and the instructions to improve the readability and information-gathering. For instance, we re-organized the instructions and added headings. We moved some of the instructions from the first page to the second page and made more room on the first page for details about the proposed use.

Because Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs) have been determined to be of limited use, we removed the item which requested them from this form. We removed the item which requested insurance information for similar reasons.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1006-0003.

Title: Use Authorization Application.
Form Number: Form 7-2540.

Frequency: Each time a use authorization is requested.

Respondents: Individuals, corporations, companies, and State and local entities who want to use Reclamation lands, facilities, or waterbodies.

Estimated Annual Total Number of Respondents: 175.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 175.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 350 hours.

Estimated Completion Time per Respondent: 2 hours.

IV. Request for Comments

We invite your comments on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;

(b) The accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. We will summarize all comments received regarding this notice. We will publish that summary in the **Federal Register** when the information collection request is submitted to OMB for review and approval.

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: November 28, 2011.

Roseann Gonzales,

Director, Policy and Administration, Denver Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Information Collection Request for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund Activities Reports: Extension Without Change, Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

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 collection 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained

by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before January 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Joe Williams, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2928 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: Williams.joseph@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: Section 303(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (SSA) and Section 3304(a)(3) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) require that all monies received in the unemployment fund of a state be paid immediately to the Secretary of Treasury to the credit of the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF). This is the "immediate deposit" standard.

Section 303(a)(5) of the SSA and Section 3304(a)(4) of the FUTA require that all monies withdrawn from the UTF be used solely for the payment of unemployment compensation, exclusive of the expenses of administration. This is the "limited withdrawal" standard.

Federal law (Section 303(a)(6) of the SSA) gives the Secretary of Labor the authority to require the reporting of information deemed necessary to assure state compliance with the provisions of the SSA.

Under this authority, the Secretary of Labor requires the following reports to monitor state compliance with the immediate deposit and limited withdrawal standards:

ETA 2112: UI Financial Transactions Summary, Unemployment Fund.

ETA 8401: Monthly Analysis of Benefit Payment Account.

ETA 8405: Monthly Analysis of Clearing Account.

ETA 8413: Income—Expense Analysis UC Fund, Benefit Payment Account.

ETA 8414: Income—Expense Analysis UC Fund, Clearing Account.

ETA 8403: Summary of Financial Transactions—Title IX Funds.

These reports are submitted to the Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) within the Employment and Training Administration which uses them to:

- Monitor cash flows into and out of the UTF to determine state compliance with the immediate deposit and limited withdrawal standards.
- Assure proper accounting for unemployment funds, an integral part of

preparing the Department's consolidated financial statements required by the Chief Financial Officer Act of 1990. The UTF is the single largest asset and liability on the statements.

- Reconcile the Department's records with the U.S. Treasury records.
- Support UI research and actuarial reports analyzing the solvency of the UTF.

The Department seeks renewal of this collection since the reports are essential to the Department's financial statements and program oversight responsibilities.

II. Desired Focus of Comments:

Currently the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of these reports. Commenters are requested to:

- 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 the use of the appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, technological or other forms of information collection techniques.

III. Current Actions: The continued collection of these financial data are necessary for the purposes of monitoring and evaluating state financial transactions for proper oversight and administration of the UI system.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Activities Reports.

OMB Number: 1205-0154.

Agency Number: ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414, 8403.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414: Monthly.

Total Responses: 53 states \times 12 months = 636 responses.

Average time per Response: The ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414 are all submitted on a monthly basis. *We estimate the state burden to be:* 636 total

responses \times 2.5 hours for all 5 reports (.5 hours for each report) = 1,590 hours. The ETA 8403 is submitted only when there is activity requiring update of the state's Reed Act account. *We estimate the state burden to be:* 53 states \times 6 annual responses \times 30 minutes per response = 159 reporting hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,749 hours.

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: Signed in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of November, 2011.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Pennsylvania.

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Based on the data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on October 21, 2011, the three month average, seasonally-adjusted total unemployment rate for Pennsylvania rose to exceed the 8.0% threshold to trigger "on" to a high unemployment period (HUP) in EB. The payable period for Pennsylvania in HUP began November 6, 2011 and eligibility for claimants increased from a maximum potential duration of 13 weeks to a maximum potential duration of 20 weeks in the EB program.

The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EB program can be found at: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB program, and the terms and

conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of November, 2011.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of the Payable Periods in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) Program for Colorado

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Announcement regarding Notice of a Change in Status of the payable periods in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) program for Colorado.

Public Law 111-312 extended provisions in Public Law 111-92 which amended prior laws to create Third and Fourth Tiers of benefits within the EUC08 program for qualified unemployed workers claiming benefits in high unemployment states. The Department of Labor produces a trigger notice indicating which states qualify for EUC08 benefits within Tiers Three and Four and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for