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- 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.

*Agency:* DOL-OSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Blasting Operations and Use of Explosives Standard.

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0217.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 160.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 166.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,294.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

Dated: May 22, 2012.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Comment Request for Information Collection for 1205-0179: Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Handbook No. 391, Extension Without Change

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the 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 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps 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, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees which expires August 31, 2012.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before July 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Scott Gibbons, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: [gibbons.scott@dol.gov](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting Mr. Gibbons.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Chapter 5 U.S.C. 8506 states that “Each agency of the United States and each wholly or partially owned instrumentality of the United States shall make available to State agencies which have agreements, or to the Secretary of Labor, as the case may be, such information concerning the Federal service and Federal wages of a Federal employee as the Secretary considers practicable and necessary for the determination of the entitlement of the Federal employee to compensation under this subchapter.” The information shall include the findings of the employing agency concerning:

- (1) Whether or not the Federal employee has performed Federal service;
- (2) The periods of Federal Service;
- (3) The amount of Federal wages; and
- (4) The reasons for termination of Federal service.

The law (5 U.S.C. 8501, et seq.) requires State Workforce Agencies (SWA's) to administer the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program in

accordance with the same terms and provisions of the paying State's unemployment insurance law which apply to unemployed claimants who worked in the private sector. SWA's must be able to obtain certain information (wage, separation data) about each claimant filing claims for UCFE benefits to enable them to determine his/her eligibility for benefits. The Department of Labor has prescribed forms to enable SWAs to obtain this necessary information from the individual's Federal employing agency. Each of these forms is essential to the UCFE claims process and the frequency of use varies depending upon the circumstances involved. The UCFE forms are: ETA-931, ETA-931A, ETA-933, ETA-934, and ETA-935.

##### II. Review Focus

The Department 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.

##### III. Current Actions

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Title:* Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Handbook No. 391.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0179.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agency.

*Form(s):* ETA 931 and 931A, ETA 933, ETA 934, and ETA 935.

*Total Annual Respondents:* 53.

*Total Annual Burden Cost for Respondents:* 0.

Form	Annual frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (in minutes)	Burden (in hours)
ETA-931 .....	1	77,000	5	6,416
ETA-931A .....	1	24,000	5	2,000
ETA-935 .....	1	38,500	9	5,775
ETA-933 .....	1	3,850	5	320
ETA-934 .....	1	7,700	4	513
Totals .....	5	151,050	.....	15,024

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: Signed in Washington, DC, on this 22nd day of May, 2012.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (TAAEA)

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice, Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL).

**SUMMARY:** ETA is publishing for public information, notice of issuance and availability of TEGL No. 10-11, signed by Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training on November 18, 2011, which assists State Workforce Agencies or agencies designated by governors as "Cooperating State Agencies" (CSAs) (also jointly referred to as "states") in implementing the provisions of the TAAEA enacted on October 21, 2011. The TAAEA amends the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, restoring (with some exceptions) the expanded certification criteria and benefits and services provided under the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Act of 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frankie Russell, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-4716, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone:

(202) 693-3517 (this is not a toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*The complete text of this guidance document is provided in this notice. In addition, it is available on the ETA Advisory Web site at [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?DOCN=9853](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=9853).*

**ADVISORY:** Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 10-11

To: ALL STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS  
ALL ONE-STOP CENTER SYSTEMS  
LEADS

STATE WORKFORCE ADMINISTRATORS

STATE AND LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS  
STATE LABOR COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JANE OATES  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

**SUBJECT:** *Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974—Enacted by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (TAAEA).*

**1. PURPOSE.** To assist State Workforce Agencies or agencies designated by Governors as "Cooperating State Agencies" (CSAs) (also jointly referred to as "states") in implementing the provisions of the TAAEA enacted on October 21, 2011. The TAAEA amends the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program (2011 Amendments), restoring (with some exceptions) the expanded certification criteria and benefits and services provided under the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Act of 2009 (2009 Amendments).

**2. REFERENCES.** Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Pub. L. 93-618) (1974 Act and, as amended, Trade Act); Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002, Division A, Title I, Subtitle A of the Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-210), as amended by the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2004, (Pub. L. 108-429); Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, Division B, Title I, Subtitle 1 of the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5); Omnibus Trade Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-344) (Omnibus Trade Act); Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (Pub. L. 112-40); 20 CFR part 617; 20 CFR part 618; 29 CFR part 90; TEGL No. 11-02, *Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade Act of 2002, and its Changes 1; 2, and 3; TEGL No. 2-03, Interim Operating Instructions for Implementing the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) for Older Workers Program Established by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002, and its Changes; TEGL No. 22-08, Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, and its Change 1; TEGL No. 16-10, Instructions for Phasing Out Changes to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, and its Change 1; TEGL No. 15-10, Increasing Credential, Degree, and Certificate Attainment by Participants of the Public Workforce System; and TEGL No. 08-11, Availability of Equitable Tolling of Deadlines for Workers Covered Under Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Certifications.*

#### 3. DEFINITIONS.

**1.** 2002 Amendments means the Trade Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-618, as amended by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-210 and the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-429.

**2.** 2002 Program means the TAA program under the 2002 Amendments.

**3.** 2009 Amendments means the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 (TGAAA).

**4.** 2009 Program means the TAA program under the 2009 Amendments.

**5.** 2011 Amendments means the Trade Act, as amended by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (TAAEA).