Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Maintenance of Independent Contractor Register; 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.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the information collection related to the Maintenance of Independent Contractor Register. 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 section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed 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, 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: George M. Fesak, Director, 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. Mr. Fesak can be reached at gfesak@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Independent contractors performing services or construction at mines are subject to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act. Section 45.4 of the Act requires the mine operator to maintain a written summary of information concerning each independent contractor present on the mine site. The information includes the trade name, business address and telephone number; a brief description of the work to be performed; MSHA identification number, if any; and the contractor's address of record. This information is required to be provided for inspection and enforcement purposes by the mine operator to any MSHA inspector upon request.

II. Current Actions

The information obtained from the contractors, is used by MSHA during inspections to determine proper responsibility for compliance with safety and health standards.

Type of Review: Reinstatement (without change)
Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration
Title: Maintenance of Independent Contractor Register
OMB Number: 1219-0040
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit
Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 45.5
Total Respondents: 3,236
Frequency: Semi-Annually (Surface mines) and Quarterly (Underground mines)
Total Responses: 90,760
Average Time per Response: 0.133 hours
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12,098
Estimated Total Burden Cost: None

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: July 15, 1996.

George M. Fesak,
Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

[FR Doc. 96-18378 Filed 7-18-96; 8:45 am]
Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681–0001; telephone (757) 864–9260; fax (757) 864–9190.

Dated: July 10, 1996.
Edward A. Frankle,
General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 96–18410 Filed 7–18–96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 7510–01–M

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Staged Vibration Corporation, of Norfolk, Virginia 23508, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in NASA Case No. LAR–15348–1, entitled THIN-LAYER COMPOSITE-UNIMORPH PIEZOELECTRIC DRIVER AND SENSOR, "THUNDER," for which a U.S. Patent Application was filed on April 4, 1995, by the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Mr. George F. Helfrich, Patent Counsel, Langley Research Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by September 17, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dated: July 10, 1996.
Edward A. Frankle,
General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 96–18408 Filed 7–18–96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 7510–01–M

Notice of prospective patent license

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Prospective Patent License.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Synkinetics, Inc., of Bedford, Massachusetts 01730, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in NASA Case No. LAR–15348–1, entitled THIN-LAYER COMPOSITE-UNIMORPH PIEZOELECTRIC DRIVER AND SENSOR, "THUNDER," for which a U.S. Patent Application was filed on April 4, 1995, by the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Mr. George F. Helfrich, Patent Counsel, Langley Research Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by September 17, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dated: July 10, 1996.
Edward A. Frankle,
General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 96–18409 Filed 7–18–96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 7510–01–M

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, 1996.


STATUS: Open.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jeffrey T. Bryson, General Counsel/Secretary, 202/376–2441.

AGENDA:
I. Call to Order
II. Approval of Minutes: May 17, 1996, Meeting
III. Resolution of Appreciation
IV. Budget Committee Report: July 22, 1996, Meeting
 a. Proposed FY 1996 Request for Budget Revision
 b. Proposed FY 1997 Budget Request
 c. Proposed Revised FY 1998 Budget Submission to OMB
V. Treasurer's Report
VI. Executive Director's Quarterly Management Report
VII. Adjourn

Jeffrey T. Bryson,
General Counsel/Secretary.

[FR Doc. 96–18496 Filed 7–17–96; 2:23 pm]
BILLING CODE 7535–01–M

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040–0017]

DOW Chemical Company; Environmental Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant