

**Mine Safety and Health Administration****Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Underground Retorts**

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 (PRA5) (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 extension of the information collection related to the Underground Retorts. 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 Contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 3, 1997.

**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](mailto:psilvey@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy.

Ms. Sivley 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](mailto:gfesak@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

This regulation pertains to the safety requirements to be followed by the mine operators in the use of underground retorts to extract oil from shale by heat or fire. Prior to ignition of retorts the mine operator must submit a written plan indicating the acceptable levels of combustible gases and oxygen; specifications and location of off-gas monitoring procedures and equipment; procedures for ignition of retorts and details of area monitoring and alarm systems for hazardous gases and actions to be taken to assure safety of miners.

**II. Current Actions**

This request for information contains provisions whereby mine operators can maintain compliance with the regulations and assure the safety of mining personnel where underground retorts are used.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Underground Retorts.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0096.

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

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 57.22401.

*Total Respondents:* 1.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 1.

*Average Time per Response:* 160 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 160 hours.

*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: December 23, 1996.

George M. Fesak,

*Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.*

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION****Notice (96-146)****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.

Copies of patent applications cited are available from the Office of Patent Counsel, Lewis Research Center. Claims are deleted from the patent applications to avoid premature disclosure.

**DATES:** December 31, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kent N. Stone, Office of Patent Counsel, Mail Code 0120, Cleveland, OH 44135-3191; telephone (216) 433-2320.

NASA Case No. LEW-16,231-1:

Resilient Braided Rope Seal;

NASA Case No. LEW-20,006-1:

Oxidation Resistant Ti-A1-Fe Diffusion for FeCrAlY Coatings on Titanium Aluminides;

NASA Case No. LEW-20,000-1:

Single Block Thru-Reflect-Line (TRL) Calibration Standard and Test Fixture for the Cryogenic Characterization of Planar;

NASA Case No. LEW-15,870-1: Low to High Temperature Face Seal.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Edward A. Frankle,

*General Counsel.*

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB