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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Product Testing by Applicant or Third Party

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 (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.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to "Product Testing by Applicant or Third Party." 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 submission of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the person listed in the contact section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, 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 gjesak@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 318 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. 878, defines "permissible" equipment as that which has been approved according to specifications which are prescribed by the Secretary of Labor. This approval indicates that the Mine Safety and Health Administration's specifications and tests, designed to ensure that a product will not present a fire, explosion, or other specific safety hazard related to use, have been met. Additionally, 30 CFR Part 7 provides procedures whereby products may be tested and certified by the applicant or a third party.

II. Current Actions

MSHA is seeking to continue the requirements for approving certain products and equipment for use in underground mines.

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Product Testing by Applicant or Third Party.

OMB Number: 1219-0100.

Recordkeeping: 30 CFR 7.4(a) requires respondents to maintain records of test results and procedures for a period of at least 3 years. Section 7.6(c) requires respondents to maintain records of the initial sale of each unit having an approval marking for at least the expected shelf life of and service life of the product.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 392.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 403 responses.

Average Time per Response: 0.54 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 219 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$52,547. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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: January 9, 1997.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting of the Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The Presidential Search Committee of the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors will meet by teleconference on January 22, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open, except that a portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the executive session, the Committee will hear a status report by representatives of the independent search firm assisting the Committee to identify and recruit candidates for the position of President of the Legal Services Corporation and will provide direction to the search firm. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. §552b(c)(2) & (6)] and the corresponding regulation of the Legal Services Corporation [45 C.F.R. §1622.5(a) & (e)]. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be posted for public inspection at Corporation headquarters, 750 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002, in its 11th floor reception area, and will also be available upon request.

LOCATION: Members of the Committee and directors wishing to participate, as well as members of the Corporation's staff and the public, will be able to hear and participate in the meeting by means of telephonic conferencing equipment set up for this purpose in the Corporation's Conference Room, on the 11th floor of 750 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20002.