

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room C-5515 (Seminar Room 1A), Washington, DC 20210. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irasema Garza, designated Federal Officer, U.S. NAO, U.S. Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4327, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone 202-501-6653 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1994 (59 FR 64713) for supplementary information.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 6, 1997.

**Irasema T. Garza,**

*Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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 Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning two information collections: (1) Notice of Issuance of Insurance Policy, Form CM-921; and (2) Request for Employment Information, Form CA-1027. Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before

December 10, 1997. The Department of Labor 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.

**ADDRESSEES:** Contact Ms. Margaret Sherrill at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601. The Fax number is (202) 219-6592. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Sections 423 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended specifies that a responsible coal mine operator (RMO) must be insured and outlines the requirements for each contract of insurance, including civil penalties to which a RMO is subject provided prescribed procedures are not followed. In addition, 20 CFR Part V, Subpart C, 726.208-213 requires that each insurance carrier shall report each policy and endorsement issued, canceled, or reviewed with respect to RMOs to the OWCP, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, and that separate reports shall be submitted for multiple operators so covered. The CM-921 is completed by the insurance carrier and forwarded to the Department for review.

##### II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to meet the statutory requirements to identify those RMOs who have secured insurance for payment of Black Lung benefits.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Notice of Issuance of Insurance Policy.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0059.

*Agency Numbers:* CM-921.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 60.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 4,000.

*Average Time Per Response for Reporting:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 667.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$1,600,000.

##### I. Background

Payment of Compensation for partial disability to injured Federal employees is required under 5 U.S.C. 8106. This section also requires the Office of Workers' Compensation to obtain information regarding a claimant's earnings during a period of eligibility to compensation. The CA-1027 is used to obtain earnings information for an individual employed by a private employer and is used as criteria for determining the claimants entitlement to compensation benefits.

##### II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to meet the statutory requirements of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act to determine the appropriate level of benefits.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Request for Employment Information.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0105.

*Agency Numbers:* CA-1027.

*Affected Public:* Business or for profit.

*Total Respondents:* 1,000.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 1,000.

*Average Time Per Response for Reporting:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 250.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$320,000.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

**Cecily A. Rayburn,**

*Director, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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