

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 4,200,000 annual burden hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

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**National Institute of Justice
Announcement of the Third Meeting of
the National Commission on the Future
of DNA Evidence**

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs,
National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The third meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence will take place beginning on Sunday, November 22, 1998, from 2:00 PM-5:00 PM CST and will continue on Monday, November 23, 1998, beginning at 9:00 AM CST and ending at 4:00 PM CST. The meeting will take place at the Regal Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Place, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to Section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA,
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Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-02, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the Crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) the use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including Daubert challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

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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 the proposed extension of three information collections. Two of the information collections are conducted by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, and the third is conducted by the Wage and Hour Division. They are: (1) Comparability of Current Work to Coal Mine Employment (CM-913), Coal Mine Employment Affidavit (CM-918), Affidavit of Deceased Miner's Condition (CM-1093); (2) Report of Ventilatory Study (CM-907), Roentgenographic Interpretation Form (CM-933 and 933b), Medical History and Examination for Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (CM-988), Report of Arterial Blood Gas Study (CM-1159); and (3) Report of Construction Contractor's Wage Rates (WD-10). A copy 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 18, 1998. 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. Patricia Forkel at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339. The Fax number is (202) 219-6592. (These are not toll-free numbers.)